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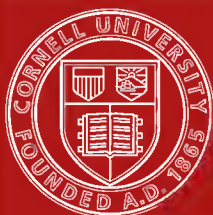
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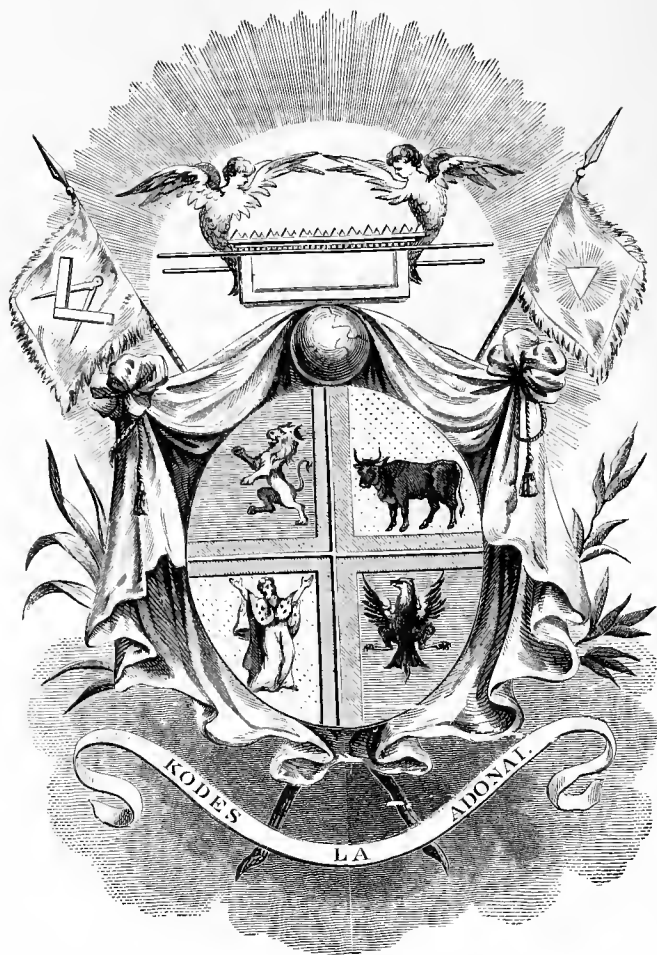
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PROCEEDINGS
OF THE
GRAND ROYAL ARCH CHAPTER
OF THE
State of Maryland and District of Columbia,
FROM
1814 to 1847.

AND
THE CONVENTION OF 1807,
RE-ORGANIZING THE GRAND CHAPTER.

WITH AN ACCOUNT OF THE INTRODUCTION OF CAPITULAR
MASONRY, AND SKETCHES OF THE SUBORDINATE
CHAPTERS AND MARK MASTERS' LODGES.

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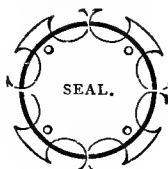
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No. David Kerr, G. H. P.

To all whom it may Concern:



Whereas, Philip P. Eckel having represented to the entire satisfaction of this Grand Chapter, that sundry worthy and skillful Royal Arch Masons, in the City and vicinity of Baltimore, are desirous of constituting a regular Chapter under our authority; and praying by petition, a dispensation for that purpose: Therefore, I, David Kerr, Grand High Priest, reposing full faith and confidence in his skill and integrity, Do, by virtue of the powers in me vested, grant this my Dispensation, hereby authorizing and appointing our said trusty and well beloved Brother and Companion Philip P. Eckel to act as High Priest, and under him, and by his authority, to assemble a sufficient number of Companions, within the said City of Baltimore, and there open and hold a Chapter of Royal Arch Masons, and to initiate in all the mysteries of the Order such persons as may to him and them appear deserving. For all which this instrument shall be a sufficient authority, to be and continue in full force and virtue until the Twenty-second day of June next, and no longer. Witness the Seal of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons for the State of Maryland, countersigned by the Grand Scribe, at Baltimore, this Eighth day of May, in the year of Masonry, Five Thousand Seven Hundred and Ninety-seven.—Anno Domini 1797.

Geo. L. Gray, Grand Scribe.

COPY OF THE ORIGINAL.

Found among the papers of PHILIP P. ECKEL; referred to on page 6, post.

CAPITULAR MASONRY

IN

MARYLAND.

IN Volume I, pages 311 to 326, of Schultz's history of Freemasonry in Maryland, will be found all the information that was attainable regarding Royal Arch Masonry in the State of Maryland, as well as in the District of Columbia, (the two jurisdictions being for many years united,) prior to the year 1814.

By reference to the work indicated it will be seen, that the earliest reference to the Royal Arch Degree, in either jurisdiction, is that of the old document quoted on page 312, which establishes the fact that a "Lodge of Royal Chapter of Jerusalem, or Lodge of Super Excellent Masons," was attached to Lodge No. 7, (under Pennsylvania Warrant, afterwards No. 2 under Maryland,) at Chestertown, Kent County. Of this body Theodore Duplessis was G.: M.: Z.: (Grand Master Zerubbabel,) Peregrine Lethrbury G.: M.: H.: (Grand Master Haggai,) and Edward Worrell, Secretary Grand Royal Arch, *p. t.*

The last two Companions were residents of Chestertown, while Companion Duplessis was a resident and active Mason of Philadelphia—which would indicate that the Royal Arch System, whatever it may have been at that time, was first introduced into this State from Pennsylvania.

On the 9th of April, 1787, just eight days before the establishment of the Grand Lodge of Maryland, the Companions named issued a dispensation or Warrant to David Stoddard and six others, to erect a "Royal Chapter of Jerusalem" attached to Lodge No. 15, (afterwards Washington Lodge, No. 3,) at Fells Point, Baltimore. The Chapter thus formed was subsequently known as Washington Chapter, No. 1, and as will be seen hereafter, in 1822 merged with Concordia Chapter, No. 5, and is to-day existing as Concordia Chapter, No. 1.

"A Royal Arch Encampment" was established in the room of Federal Lodge, No. 15, at Washington, District of Columbia, December 14th, 1795. In the original records

of this Lodge, now in the archives of the Grand Chapter, and from which extracts are given on pages 314 and 315, Vol. I, of the work referred to, the fact is recited that a Grand Chapter was about to be formed at Baltimore, June 24th, 1797; and a few months later, it is stated, such a body had been formed.

This is confirmed by the evidence contained in the preamble of the Charter of Recognition, issued by the Grand Chapter of Maryland and the District of Columbia, November, 1814, to Chapter, No. 2, wherein it is recited, "that dispensations had been issued for several Chapters in the year 1797, which were confirmed and acknowledged at a Grand Chapter held in 1807."

The dispensation issued to Philip P. Eckel and others to form a Royal Arch Chapter in Baltimore, by David Kerr, Grand High Priest, in 1797, a *fac simile* of which is given on page 319, Vol. I, of the same work, removes every doubt that a Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons was existing in Baltimore in the year 1797.

How many constituents this body had, or how long it may have been active, is not known, but in the May, 1826, proceedings of the Grand Chapter it is recorded, that Comp. Jesse Green, of Suffolk, State of Delaware, presented a claim for money loaned the Grand Chapter in 1804. This would, of course, indicate that it was active at that date.

On the 24th October, 1806, Concordia Royal Arch Chapter of Baltimore, in accordance with preambles and resolutions previously adopted, issued a circular letter to the several Chapters of Baltimore and the District of Columbia, requesting them to send "delegates to a Convention to be held in the City of Washington, on the third Wednesday in January next," for the purpose of forming a Grand Chapter for the State of Maryland and District of Columbia.

The preamble recites, "that it appears to be highly important to the first interests of our Order that a Grand Chapter should be formed for the purpose of regulating our internal economy agreeably to established usage, and to effectuate an uniform mode of working, regulated by an acknowledged head;" reference is also made in one of the preambles to "the Grand Chapter to which we were tributary, has for a long time lain dormant."

In compliance with the request of Concordia Chapter, delegates from Washington, Concordia and St. John's Chapters of Baltimore, and Federal, Washington Naval and Potomac Chapters of the District of Columbia, assembled in Convention at the City of Washington, January 21st, 1807, and "by

the power and authority in them vested," resolved to organize a Grand Royal Arch Chapter for the State of Maryland and the District of Columbia, and at once proceeded to the election of Grand Officers; Comp. Dr. John Crawford, Grand Master of Masons in Maryland being chosen Grand High Priest.

A Constitution was adopted, providing for semi-annual meetings to be held alternately in Baltimore and Washington. The degrees recognized by this Constitution are Mark Master, Past Master, Most Excellent and Royal Arch. The price of a Charter for a new Chapter was thirty dollars and for a Charter for Mark Lodge separate from the Chapter fifteen dollars. Forms for constituting new Chapters were also adopted. These as well as the Constitution are copied from Webb's Monitor, published a few years previously.

A committee was appointed to procure "a seal with an appropriate device thereon," and to have 300 copies of the proceedings struck off, when, after prayer by the Grand Chaplain, the Grand Chapter was closed.*

Whether this body assembled at Baltimore in May following, as provided by the Constitution, and if so, how long it may have continued active is not certainly known. The probabilities are, that meetings were held, for, by the records of the old Chapter at Washington, delegates were appointed to attend the Grand Chapter in 1808.

The Chapter and Grand Chapter system had been inaugurated only a few years previously by Thomas Smith Webb and others in Massachusetts, and it would appear from an examination of the few early Chapter records existing, that it was somewhat difficult to effect the separation of the degrees of Mark Master and Royal Arch from the Lodges under whose authority they had been worked, and it is probable that when the 1797 and 1807 Grand Chapters ceased to be active, these degrees were again worked under authority of the Lodges, for we find Concordia Mark Lodge and Concordia Chapter, attached to the Lodge whose name they bore until as late a date as 1816.

No existing records or documents make any further reference to the Grand Chapter between the years 1807 and 1814, but on the 9th of November of the year last mentioned, delegates from two Chapters of Baltimore, and one of the District of Columbia, assembled at Cassia Lodge

* Comp. Geo. L. McCahan, Grand Secretary of the Grand Chapter is the fortunate owner of a printed copy of these proceedings, which will be given in full, following this article.

room, in the City of Baltimore, *for the purpose of "revising and amending the Constitution of the Grand Chapter."*

The Constitution amended differed but slightly from the one adopted in 1807; the title as then was The Grand Royal Arch Chapter for the State of Maryland and District of Columbia. Meetings were to be held annually, alternately in Baltimore and Washington.

The Chapters participating in this reorganization were Washington, No. 1, and Chapter, No. 2, of Baltimore, and Federal, No. 1, of Washington. These received Charters of recognition, respectively as Nos. 1, 2 and 3.

A few years after the reorganization of the Grand Chapter, the old Chapters, Washington Naval and Concordia, which participated in the 1807 organization, received Charters of Recognition as numbers 4 and 5, respectively, and a little later Brooke Chapter, of Alexandria, and Potomac, of Georgetown, also received Charters of Recognition as Nos. 6 and 8, respectively.

Prior to the issue of the Charter to Potomac an entirely new Chapter was formed and chartered in Baltimore, as Phoenix, No. 7.

At the solicitation of Thomas Smith Webb, General Grand High Priest of the General Grand Chapter of the United States, the Grand Chapter appointed delegates to attend the session of that body, held at New York, in September, 1816.

At the meeting of the Grand Chapter held November following, Companions Philip P. Eckel and Benj. Edes, the delegates, reported that the condition proposed and accepted for its union with the General Grand Chapter, "is not considered as interfering in any manner whatsoever with our present mode of working."

The proposition agreed upon with the committee of the General Grand Chapter was as follows: "The Grand Chapter for the State of Maryland and the District of Columbia, are willing to support the Constitution of this General Grand Chapter. It will not grant any Warrants out of its district, and will discontinue all Chapters formed contrary to the General Grand Constitutions; but requests that it shall not be forced to alter its mode of working, if any difference should exist, at present, and to be received on an equal footing with the other Grand Chapters."

The "mode of work" which the Companions of Maryland insisted, they should not be required to "alter," was the manner and practice of conferring the Select Degree, which

was then and for many years afterwards conferred in this jurisdiction in the Chapter or in Councils attached to the Chapter.

In the spring of 1822, the Companions of the District of Columbia, conceived the idea of forming a Grand Chapter for themselves, and a Convention was held accordingly, in the Hall of Brooke Chapter, in the town of Alexandria, May, 1822, composed of delegates from the following Chapters, viz:

Federal, No. 3, Washington Naval, No. 4, Brooke, No. 6, and Potomac, No. 8, when a Constitution was adopted and a committee appointed to attend the next meeting of the Grand Chapter of Maryland and District of Columbia, with authority to receive the proportion of funds due the Chapters within the District of Columbia.

Adjourned meetings of the Convention were held August 11th and September 10th; at the latter meeting a dispensation was read from Comp. De Witt Clinton, General Grand High Priest, authorizing the formation of the new Grand Chapter.

The Convention met November 25th, 1822, but in consequence of some of the Chapters not being sufficiently represented, the Convention adjourned from time to time until the 10th February, 1824, when the organization of the new Grand Chapter was consummated, and the officers elected and installed.

The subject of the formation of this new body was brought to the attention of the Grand Chapter of Maryland and District of Columbia at the November, 1822, meeting, and W. W. Seaton from the Committee to whom the matter was referred reported, that in the opinion of the committee, "they ought, as a preliminary and proper step to have obtained the consent of this Grand Chapter, etc., but that as it is the wish of three of the Chapters of the District of Columbia to form a Grand Chapter for themselves, as being less expensive and more convenient for the regularity of their affairs, the committee deem it expedient for this Grand Chapter to consent to the separation." The Committee submitted resolutions in accordance therewith, which were ordered to be printed and laid before the several Chapters of the jurisdiction for consideration and determination at the next meeting of the Grand Chapter in Washington, January, 1824; at which time the report was taken up and unanimously adopted.

Although Potomac Chapter participated in the preliminary organization of the new Grand Chapter, it subsequently deemed it "inexpedient to separate from the Grand Chapter

of Maryland and District of Columbia," and availed itself of the permission and authority granted by the said Grand Chapter to continue under its jurisdiction. In consequence of which the Grand Chapter retained the title of Grand Chapter of Maryland and the District of Columbia. This was regarded a cause of grievance by the Companions of the District, and a protest was written and transmitted to the Grand Chapter of Maryland, January, 1826. Upon the recommendation of the committee to whom it was referred, it was resolved that from and after the meeting of the General Grand Chapter, the "style and title" should be "Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Maryland," provided that this change in style and title shall not be construed to interfere in the least with the jurisdiction of this Grand Chapter over any Chapters in the District of Columbia.

This was not satisfactory to the Companions of the District, and the matter was brought to the attention of the General Grand Chapter at its session held in New York, September 14th, 1826, and referred to a committee. After a conference with the delegates from both Grand Chapters, the matter was harmoniously settled by the Grand Chapter relinquishing jurisdiction over the District of Columbia, *except so far as relates to the Potomac Chapter*.

The Grand Chapter of the District of Columbia had apparently a prosperous existence, (although it chartered but one Chapter, Temple, No. 4,) until the early part of the year 1833, when it came to an abrupt termination. The records from the date of the first Convention, May 11th, 1822, to January 8th, 1833, were fully and very neatly kept in a large folio,* but there is nothing whatever in them tending to show the cause for the sudden demise of the Grand Chapter.†

Potomac, of all the Chapters in the District, alone continued active; the rest appear to have died a natural death simultaneously with the Grand Chapter.

This dormancy continued until the year 1840, when an effort was made to revive Capitular Masonry in the City of Washington. Comp. Robert Keyworth and others, applied to the Grand Chapter of Maryland for a dispensation to form a new Chapter, which was granted, and resulted in

* In 1883, Comp. Jas. W. Staton, of Kentucky, by request published a small edition of these proceedings *verbatim*, in a pamphlet of 163 pages.

† "Every effort to ascertain what was done in the City of Washington by the Grand Chapter after this date has been unavailing." (MS. kindly loaned by Comp. Wm. R. Singleton of Washington.)

the granting of a Charter for Columbia Chapter, No. 15, May 20th, 1840.

The chartering of this Chapter was deemed in conflict with the Constitution of the General Grand Chapter, which forbids any Grand Chapter from extending its jurisdiction without its consent, and hence, at the Triennial Session, held 14th September, 1841, a resolution was adopted, authorizing the Deputy General Grand High Priest, Comp. Joseph K. Stapleton, to take the necessary steps to place that part of the District of Columbia, which formerly belonged to the State of Maryland, under the jurisdiction of the Grand Chapter of Maryland, and at his discretion to heal and legalize, in such mode as he may think proper, any irregularities in issuing of any Charter, etc." Accordingly, he issued an edict to that effect, and the portion of the District formerly a part of Maryland, was acknowledged as lawfully belonging to the Grand Chapter of Maryland.

Potomac, No. 8, and Columbia, No. 15, were the only two Chapters in the District under the jurisdiction of the Grand Chapter of Maryland until 1847, when a Charter was granted November of that year for Washington Chapter, No. 16, and at the 1864 Convocation a Charter was granted for Mount Vernon Chapter, No. 20, also of the City of Washington.

The title "Grand Chapter of the State of Maryland" was retained until 1853, after which "and District of Columbia" was added. Meetings were held alternately in Baltimore and Washington, and the most pleasant and cordial relations existed between the Companions. At the conclusion of each Convocation a banquet was held, and the utmost good feeling existed for many years.

At the Annual Convocation of the Grand Chapter November, 1866, after the conclusion of the business, the representatives of Columbia, Washington and Mount Vernon Chapters presented a preamble and resolution looking to a dissolution of the connection existing between the State of Maryland and District of Columbia. This elicited considerable discussion, from which it appeared that the three Chapters named favored the proposition; but Potomac was opposed to it, when upon motion of Comp. Ohr, the preamble and resolution were referred back to the Chapters of the District for a more full consideration.

It was supposed nothing would be done in the matter of forming a new Grand Chapter until the next meeting of the Grand Chapter, but circulars were issued by Chapters, Nos. 15, 16 and 20, of Washington, for the holding of a Convention, March 12th, 1867, for the purpose of forming a Grand

Chapter. This coming to the knowledge of the Grand High Priest, Comp. James G. Smith, and he deeming the proposed action to be of a contumacious character, and in a spirit of rebellion against the recognized jurisdiction of the Grand Chapter, declared the Charters of said Chapters suspended, and the elected officers (except Comp. Andrew Glass, who protested against the disloyal acts,) suspended from all the rights and privileges of Royal Arch Masonry.

Notwithstanding this, some of the Companions were disposed to persist in the accomplishment of their desire, but wiser counsels prevailing, Grand High Priest Smith was requested to call a special session of the Grand Chapter, for the purpose of receiving the application of the Chapters of the District of Columbia for a partition of its jurisdiction, and for its assent to the establishment of a Grand Chapter for the District of Columbia.

In compliance with this request a special Convocation was held in the Court Room of the Old Hall, St. Paul street, in Baltimore, 28th March, 1867. The representatives of Chapters Nos. 15, 16 and 20 were in attendance, and having declared that they had no intention whatever of committing any offence against the Grand Chapter of Maryland, and District of Columbia, or against Masonry in any of its departments, were on motion restored to their rights as Royal Arch Masons and the Grand Secretary was ordered to return the Charters to said Chapters Nos. 15, 16 and 20, and upon motion of Comp. E. L. Stevens, the Grand Chapter by a vote of 24 ayes to 3 nays, gave its full and cordial consent to a separation of the jurisdiction, and to the establishment of a Grand Chapter for the District, "and when said Grand Chapter is legally formed and constituted the separation shall be complete, and the jurisdiction of this Grand Chapter over the District of Columbia shall cease."

A meeting of the delegates of the three Chapters, Nos. 15, 16 and 20, of Washington, and Potomac, No. 8, was held April 16th, 1867, when a Constitution was adopted, and officers elected.

The delegates of Potomac Chapter conceiving that the consent of one of the first four officers of the General Grand Chapter was necessary to the *legal* forming of a Grand Chapter, and being unwilling to countenance what they conceived to be a spirit of insubordination towards the supreme authority of Capitular Masonry in the United States, declined to take any further part in the action of the body.

The new Grand Chapter was publicly constituted, and the Officers installed by Comp. Albert G. Mackey, Past General

Grand High Priest, May 23rd, 1867, at Wall's Opera House, in Washington City.

The Grand Secretary was directed to send a communication to Potomac Chapter notifying that "it is not authorized to meet until she has received her Charter from the Grand Chapter of the District of Columbia," whereupon Potomac Chapter appealed to the General Grand High Priest, Comp. John N. Lewis, who under date, June 4th, 1867, issued his edict to the effect that Potomac Chapter "may continue its labors as heretofore under and by virtue of its Warrant, etc."

Notwithstanding which the Grand Chapter of the District under date, June 15th, declared Potomac Chapter to be irregular and clandestine, and all intercourse as Royal Arch Masons with said Chapter was prohibited.

Grand High Priest Smith, being a member of Potomac Chapter, and having received a communication notifying him of the suspension of his rights and privileges as a Royal Arch Mason, referred the several communications to the General Grand High Priest, who, under date, July 13th, issued his edict, declaring, "that after an investigation of the points involved, he is brought to the conclusion that Potomac Chapter, has been guilty of no irregularity, but that the Companions who have formed the so-called Grand Chapter of the District of Columbia have been hasty and irregular, and that it has no legal existence as a Masonic body, its preliminary Convention having been held without the authority of any General Grand Officer, and been illegally constituted."

[It is but simple justice to the Companions to state, that a telegram had been received from the General Grand High Priest, to the effect that "the consent of one of the four first officers was probably not necessary, but if so, is hereby given."]

At the annual Convocation of the Grand Chapter of Maryland and District of Columbia, November, 1867, preambles and resolutions were adopted to the effect that the resolution passed May 16th last, declaring a division of the jurisdiction to be complete, was adopted under a misapprehension; that no division of the jurisdiction could legally be effected without amendments to the Constitution; a proposition for which must be made at one stated Convocation, and lie over until the next before action thereon, and that therefore the proceedings of the special Convocations in March and May last, so far as they relate to a division of the jurisdiction were irregular and illegal.

Resolutions were also adopted approving the action of Grand High Priest Smith, in suspending the Charters of

Chapters, Nos. 15, 16 and 20; and endorsing the action of General Grand High Priest in declaring the Grand Chapter of the District of Columbia irregular and clandestine.

The subject of the formation of this body was called to the attention of the General Grand Chapter at the Triennial held at St. Louis, September, 1868, in the address of the General Grand High Priest, and upon the recommendation of the committee to whom it was referred, resolutions were adopted recognizing the Grand Chapter of the District of Columbia as a regular body, and its officers entitled to seats in the General Grand Chapter, and all acts of censure, suspension or expulsion growing out of the formation of the said Grand Chapter were declared null and void.

This action of the General Grand Chapter was regarded by the Companions of Maryland as an unwarranted assumption of power, and an unauthorized interference in the affairs of the Grand Chapter, and that it was in direct violation of the Constitution of the Grand Chapter, and therefore null and void. Resolutions to this effect were adopted at the annual Convocation, 1868.

But the unfortunate controversy was happily ended at the November, 1869, Convocation by the adoption by the Grand Chapter, of resolutions waiving and relinquishing "its jurisdictional rights over the District of Columbia, so long as it remains the seat of the National Government," and recognizing "the Grand Chapter of the District of Columbia as a regular Grand Chapter, and entitled to all the rights and privileges of its peers throughout the jurisdiction of the General Grand Chapter."

Whatever of bad feeling had been engendered by the controversy growing out of the separation was speedily forgotten, and the Companions of Maryland and the District have since continued upon terms of most cordial and fraternal relations.

The Grand Chapter since "revising and amending its Constitution," November 9th, 1814, has had, so far at least as regards the State of Maryland, an uninterrupted existence. Its written records from the date named to the present are preserved, and with the exception of the May, 1826, and a few special sessions, have been published.

To the year 1847, they were printed in pamphlets, small 12mo. size; a number of these were bound in 3 vols., in red morocco covers for the use of the Grand Officers, to be handed to their successors in office. One full set of which only is in the archives of the Grand Chapter.

Before quoting the early proceedings, such information as could be obtained of the Chapters existing prior to the 1814 reorganization will be given; as also some account of the Mark Lodges, which were held independent of the Chapter.

WASHINGTON CHAPTER.

Baltimore City.

Early Members.—David Stoddard, William Jacobs, Abraham Jackson, William Ray, Gabriel Kingsbury, William Turkee, Francis Ellerton, James Vincent, Adam Denmead, Henry Starr, George Meyers, Peter Galt, Asa Crocker, Nathaniel Knight, James Cordery, H. P. Cathell and Oliver Holmes.

This undoubtedly was the Royal Arch Chapter of Jerusalem instituted in 1787, by virtue of the Dispensation or Warrant of Lodge, No. 7, Royal Arch Chapter of Jerusalem at Chestertown, and was attached to Lodge, No. 15, now Washington Lodge, No. 3.

As previously stated it was variously styled Chapter attached to Lodge, No. 3, at Fells Point, Royal Arch Chapter, No. 1, and Washington Royal Arch Chapter, No. 1.

There are no records of this Chapter known to be existing, in all probability they were lost or destroyed with the records and papers of Washington Lodge, No. 3, none of which are existing prior to 1845.

It doubtless was one of the Chapters forming the Grand Chapter of 1797; it is certain that it assisted in the reorganization of the Grand Chapter in 1807, and again in 1814. At the latter date it received a Charter of recognition as (WASHINGTON) CHAPTER, No. 1.

In 1822 it merged with Concordia Chapter, and formed the present Concordia Royal Arch Chapter, No. 1, as will be more fully shown hereafter.

CONCORDIA CHAPTER.

Baltimore City.

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| PETER LITTLE..... | <i>High Priest.</i> |
| PETER GALT..... | <i>First Chief.</i> |
| TOBIAS WATKINS..... | <i>Second Chief.</i> |
| J. LOUIS WAMPLER..... | <i>Secretary.</i> |

Early Members.—George Keyser, Jos. K. Stapleton, Peter C. Adams, Joseph Chapman, Peter Galt, Whitely Barnes, Mark M. Pringle, Littleton Holland, Wm. H. Windstandly, Jarrett Bull, Wm. Camp, Fred. Getz and Silvester Watson.

The records of this Chapter from January 10th, 1810, to 1812, in one book, and from March 8th, 1816, to the 13th December, 1822, in another are in the archives of the Grand Chapter of Maryland.

The records of Concordia Lodge establish the fact that it was existing as early as 1804.

The title of the officers are variously given as M. E. High Priest, First and Second Scribes; M. E. High Priest, First and Second Grand Captains; and M. E. High Priest, First and Second Chiefs.

The only degree mentioned is that of the "Holy Royal Arch." The candidate after being duly elected was said to be "admitted to the *Sanctum Sanctorum*." The fee for this degree was \$12.

February 14th, 1810, Jos. K. Stapleton, who played such an important part in the History of Capitular Masonry subsequently in this Jurisdiction, received the Royal Arch Degree.

The first entry in the second book recites that the Chapter was held at Concordia Lodge Room, (old Watch House,) and that it was attached to that Lodge; and that after a dormancy of some years, it was resolved "to revive and continue the labors of Concordia R. A. Chapter." A committee was appointed to petition the Grand Chapter for a Charter of Recognition, which was granted November 12th, 1816, as CONCORDIA CHAPTER, No. 5.

This Charter is recorded in full in the proceedings, and is identical in language to the Charter of recognition of Chapter, No. 2, before referred to, and proves that Concordia Chapter was also instituted in 1797.

November 16th, 1817, the Chapter was visited by Grand High Priest McCormick and his Grand Officers, who, "after the Companions had retired, conferred the Order of High Priesthood in full form upon Companion Peter Little, High Priest elect; the Companions were then admitted and due exclamation made accompanied with the ceremonies belonging to the occasion."

To the close of these records, 13th December, 1822, but one degree is mentioned as being conferred, and that is termed "the Royal Arch Super Excellent Master."

Shortly before this date, 2nd November, 1822, the union with Washington Chapter, No. 1, referred to was authorized by the Grand Chapter.

ST. JOHN'S CHAPTER.

Baltimore City.

Of this Chapter nothing whatever is known more than that it was one of the Chapters of Baltimore, assisting in the reorganization of the Grand Chapter in 1807, but there is no further mention of it upon any records or documents extant. It was undoubtedly attached to St. John's Lodge, No. 34, which was chartered by the Grand Lodge of Maryland, 1802.

CHAPTER, No. 2.

Baltimore City.

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| PHILIP P. ECKEL | <i>High Priest.</i> |
| HEZEKIAH NILES | <i>First Chief.</i> |
| PETER DELVECHIO | <i>Second Chief.</i> |
| ARCHIBALD DOBBIN | <i>Senior Scribe.</i> |
| ADAM DENMEAD | <i>Junior Deacon.</i> |

Early Members.—J. E. Jackson, Henry S. Keatinge, Jacob Small, G. Holland, Samuel Cole, John D. Babb, Benj. Edes, Christopher Johnson, Leslie Gallagher, John Ogston, Wm. P. Mills, A. Brown, J. Bingham, Ephraim Barker, George Wheelwright, Wm. Ball, John S. Tyson.

The records of this Chapter, commencing February 9th, 1814, and ending May 24th, 1820, are in the archives of the Grand Chapter. They are written in the first book of Concordia Chapter referred to. That it had a prior existence is evidenced from the fact that at this first meeting the records of the previous meeting were read. Also in the proceedings of Concordia Chapter under date Feb. 14, 1810, Comp. A. Denmead of Chapter No. 2, was present as a visitor. From the fact that the meetings were held in Cassia Lodge Room, it is probable that it was originally attached to that Lodge.

Under date May 31st, 1814, is the following: "debate having taken place with respect to the name of this Chapter shall henceforth be called by or whether it shall act independent of any Lodge: *Resolved*, Unanimously, that this Chapter shall henceforth be called HOLY ROYAL CHAPTER No. 2.

It assisted in the reorganization of the Grand Chapter, November 9th, 1814, and received a Charter of recognition, which was found a few years since among the rubbish at the

Temple, and which as in the case of Concordia, establishes the fact that it also was formed in 1797.

May 10th, 1815, a Committee was appointed "to collect the books and papers of the Chapter for their preservation and safe keeping." It is to be feared this Committee did not perform their duty.

May 16th, 1816, the first reference is made to the Mark and Most Excellent degrees, previous to which, as in the Concordia records, the Royal Arch degree alone is mentioned.

This Chapter became quite large and was very flourishing until about 1835, when it ceased to be represented, and May, 1840, its Charter, with all books, papers, jewels, etc., were re-called, but unfortunately nothing but the record book referred to and Charter are now in the archives. It never had a name, but is always mentioned as ROYAL ARCH CHAPTER, No. 2.

FEDERAL CHAPTER.

Washington City, District of Columbia.

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| CLOTWORTHY STEPHENSON. | <i>High Priest.</i> |
| THOMAS WILSON | <i>Captain General.</i> |
| JOSEPH HODGSTON..... | <i>Grand Scribe.</i> |
| JOHN CROCKER..... | <i>First Grand Master.</i> |
| WILLIAM O'NEAL..... | <i>Second Grand Master.</i> |
| OWEN DUNLEAVY..... | <i>Grand Treasurer.</i> |

Early Members.—Rev. Geo. Ralph, John Bradford, Robert Brown, Dennis Dulauey, James Sweeny, and others.

The above list of officers and members is given upon the theory that this Chapter was the Royal Arch Encampment, organized Dec. 14, 1795, (see p 314, Vol. I, Schultz's History.) or that it was its lineal descendant. This seems probable from the fact that the meetings were held in the Room of Federal Lodge, No. 15. This Chapter, or as then termed Royal Arch Encampment, "was broken up," by resolution February, 1799.

It has generally been supposed that the records of the Royal Arch Chapter of December, 1804, to August, 1808, recorded in the same book, are those of this body revived. But by a resolution of the latter, December, 1806, it was determined that the Chapter should hereafter be known as "Royal Arch Union Chapter," and Companions McCormick, Cook, Holliday, Queen and Elliott were appointed delegates to the Grand Convention, January 21st, 1807. Both Federal and

Washington Naval were represented at this Convention; but, unfortunately, the names of the representatives are not specified and there is no means of knowing the particular Chapter each Companion represented. We are therefore, unable to say whether the records commencing 1804, are a continuation of the Chapter organized in 1795, in Federal Lodge Room, or if they are those of Washington Naval Chapter.

The latter would seem probable, for by a resolution of the Grand Chapter, November, 1816, a Charter of recognition was granted to Washington Union Chapter "by the name of Washington Naval Chapter, No. 4."

Federal Chapter assisted in the resuscitations of the Grand Chapter of Maryland and District of Columbia in 1807 and 1814, receiving a Charter of recognition as **FEDERAL CHAPTER, No. 3**, and remained under the Jurisdiction of the same until the year 1824, when with the other Chapters of the District, it withdrew and formed the Grand Chapter of that Jurisdiction, when it became Federal Chapter, No. 1. Shortly after it changed its name to Washington Chapter, No. 1. It appears to have died out with the Grand Chapter of the District in 1833.

POTOMAC CHAPTER.

Georgetown, District of Columbia.

Early Members.—Daniel Kurtz, James King, James Gettys, Thomas Wilson, Ninian Beall, Thomas Cochran, George A. Adams, George W. Haller, Wm. Hayman, Edward Deale, Henry Pyfer, James Greer and others.

This Chapter claims to have been instituted in 1780, as St. Andrew's Chapter, attached to St. Andrew's Lodge, (see page 71, vol I, Schultz's History,) at Georgetown. That there was a Chapter of Royal Arch Masons known as St. Andrew's prior to the organization of Potomac appears to be certain.

There is a seal in possession of Potomac Chapter of St. Andrew's Chapter on which is the date 1780. It is identical with the seal of St. Andrew's Lodge, "Chapter" being substituted for Lodge.

When the Brethren of St. Andrew's Lodge received a Charter from the Grand Lodge of Maryland, April, 1789, as Potomac Lodge, No. 9, the Companions also changed the name of the Chapter to Potomac.

November 9th, 1818, the Companions of this Chapter petitioned for a Charter which was granted under the title

of POTOMAC ROYAL ARCH CHAPTER, No. 8, as will be more fully shown hereafter.

WASHINGTON NAVAL CHAPTER.

Navy Yard, District of Columbia.

Early Members.—Marmaduke Dove, Nahum Warren, Edward N. Grant, Alex. McCormick, R. M. Desha, Thomas Howard, John R. Forrest, Edward W. Clark, Robert E. Scarcey, William Easby, J. Pue, John Judge and others.

There are no records of this Chapter known to be existing, unless as intimated it was the body referred to, organized in 1804. As stated a Chapter of this name assisted in the formation of the Grand Chapter in 1807.

November 11th, 1816, Union Royal Arch Chapter petitioned the Grand Chapter for and received a Charter of recognition as WASHINGTON NAVAL CHAPTER, No. 4.

It doubtless was, like the other Chapters of which we are speaking, attached to the Lodge, whose name it bore, Naval Lodge, No. 41, chartered by the Grand Lodge of Maryland, in 1805.

It participated in the formation of the Grand Chapter of the District, and became Union Chapter, No. 2, but like the other Chapters of Washington, became extinct with the demise of the Grand Chapter of the District.

MARK MASTERS' LODGES.

It is not known positively when the Mark degree was first introduced into this State, but it is supposed to have been somewhere about the year 1800.

The degree was worked in Mark Lodges attached to the Lodges, as the Royal Arch was worked in Chapters attached to the Lodges.

We have traces of a number of these Mark Lodges in this jurisdiction, viz., *Concordia*, *Amicable*, *Cassia*, *Lebanon*, *Warren* and *Phoenix*, of Baltimore, *Door to Virtue*, of Uniontown, Carroll County, *Union*, of New Market, and *Columbia*, of Fredericktown, Frederick County, *Mount Moriah*, Hagerstown, Washington County, and *Washington Naval* and *Lebanon*, of District of Columbia, all of which were attached to the Lodges whose names they bore except Union at New Market, and Lebanon of Baltimore. Many of these were

existing before the reorganization of the Grand Chapter in 1814, after the formation of which they received Charters of recognition.

These Mark Lodges were more or less active until November, 1822, when the Grand Chapter by a resolution ordered that after the second Tuesday in January, 1824, no Dispensations or Warrants should be granted to establish Mark Lodges, other than those connected with a Chapter, and that all Warrants or Charters heretofore issued should be called in."

Such information as has been discovered regarding them will now be given.

CONCORDIA MARK LODGE.

Baltimore City.

Early Members.—Nathaniel Knight, — Laurence, Eli Timpkins, John B. Taylor, John Buck, J. Louis Wampler, William Starr, William Camp, Jos. K. Stapleton, Samuel Dinsmore, John Brown, Joseph Robinson and Richard Mac-cubbin, and others.

The records of this body from December 30th, 1814, to January 28th, 1818, are among the archives of the present Concordia Chapter, No. 1, but there is no doubt whatever that it had a much earlier formation.

April 5th, 1815, it is recorded that a Committee was appointed to apply to the Grand Chapter for a Charter, and January 27th another Committee was appointed to enquire why the Charter was not received, but there is no further reference to the subject either in these records or those of the Grand Chapter.

At the meeting of the Grand Chapter, November, 1815, Charters (of recognition probably) were granted for *Amicable, Cassia* and *Lebanon Mark Lodges*, of Baltimore, and *Lebanon* of Washington.

November 10th, 1817, a Charter was granted for *Union Mark Lodge* at New Market, Frederick County. The records of this body were existing a few years ago, but they cannot now be found.

November, 1820, Charters were granted for *Door to Virtue Mark Lodge*, of Uniontown, Frederick County, and *Warren*

Mark Lodge, of Baltimore. The records of the former on loose sheets, as well as documents connected with the Lodge, are in the archives of the Grand Chapter.

January 8th, 1822, a Charter was granted for *Mount Moriah Mark Lodge*, at Hagerstown.

Grand High Priest Hezekiah Niles issued a Dispensation 6th September, 1819, for *Columbia Mark Lodge*, at Fredericktown. It is presumed a Charter was subsequently granted but there is no mention of the fact on the records. The following is a list of the officers and members compiled from a printed copy of its by-laws:

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| JACOB BAER..... | <i>M. E. M.</i> |
| SAMUEL BARNES..... | <i>Senior Warden.</i> |
| JACOB BAYER..... | <i>Junior Warden.</i> |
| WILLIAM BANTZ..... | <i>Treasurer.</i> |
| THOMAS WOODROW..... | <i>Secretary.</i> |

Members.—Thomas Dean, Benj. Winters, Henry Baer, Samuel Webster, Thomas Newens, John Towson, John J. McCulley, Thomas W. Morgan, Singleton Duvall, Thos. C. Worthington, Wm. R. Chunn, James F. Huston, John Shroder, Upton S. Reid, Charles Devilbiss, Thomas Gist, Wm. C. Russell, Daniel Rentch, David Simpson, Hugh Shaw, Grafton A. Shermerdine, Abdiel Unkefer and John M. Stottlemeyer, Grafton Duvall.

We have not been able to obtain any information regarding the Mark Lodges of the District of Columbia. Columbia of Frederick was the last Mark Lodge organized, shortly after its formation, as has been noticed, the Grand Chapter decided to call in all the Warrants of Mark Lodges, and the system as now practised of conferring the Mark degree in the Chapter was fully inaugurated.

GRAND ROYAL ARCH CONVENTION

OF THE

State of Maryland and District of Columbia,

BEGUN AND HELD AT THE CITY OF WASHINGTON, ON THE 21ST
OF JANUARY, A. D. 1807, ANNOQUE TEMPLI 2807.

At a *Convention* of Delegates from the H. Royal Arch Chapters in the State of Maryland, and District of Columbia, begun and held at the City of Washington, on the 21st of January, A. D. 1807, Annoque Templi, 2807.

The representatives of the following Chapters, to wit :

WASHINGTON CHAPTER,
CONCORDIA CHAPTER,
ST. JOHN'S CHAPTER,
FEDERAL CHAPTER,
WASHINGTON NAVAL CHAPTER, and
POTOMAC CHAPTER,

Appeared, and produced their respective credentials.

OLIVER B. HAYES, Esq. was appointed *Chairman*, and WILLIAM O'NEALE, *Secretary*.

Resolved unanimously, That this Convention, agreeably to the power and authority in them vested, do organize a *Grand Royal Arch Chapter*, for the State of Maryland and District of Columbia.

Resolved, That this convention do go into an election of Officers, for the said Grand Royal Arch Chapter.

Resolved, That not more than two Grand Officers, to be installed, be elected from any individual Chapter.

The following Grand Officers were then elected and installed, to their respective Offices, to wit :

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| Comps. JOHN CRAWFORD..... | <i>Grand High Priest.</i> |
| OLIVER B. HAYES..... | <i>Deputy Grand High Priest.</i> |
| VALENTINE REINTZEL..... | <i>Grand King.</i> |
| ROBERT RANKIN..... | <i>Grand Scribe.</i> |
| ALEXANDER M'CORMICK..... | <i>Grand Treasurer.</i> |

And the following appointments were made, to wit:

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| ROBERT ELLIOT..... | <i>Grand Chaplain.</i> |
| PHILIP P. ECKEL..... | <i>1st Captain of the Vails.</i> |
| CHARLES JONES..... | <i>2nd Captain of the Vails.</i> |
| WILLIAM SMITH..... | <i>3rd Captain of the Vails.</i> |
| ADAM DENMEAD..... | <i>4th Captain of the Vails.</i> |
| BENJAMIN KING..... | <i>Grand Marshal, or Master of Ceremonies.</i> |
| NICHOLAS L. QUINN..... | <i>Grand Conductor.</i> |
| WILLIAM O'NEALE..... | } <i>Grand Purveyors.</i> |
| JOSEPH CASSIN..... | |
| NATHANIEL KNIGHT..... | <i>Grand Pursuivant.</i> |
| WILLIAM COOK..... | } <i>Grand Janitors.</i> |
| —— BROWN..... | |

And the Grand Chapter was opened in ample form.

Resolved, That Companions *J. Crawford, O. B. Hayes, and R. Rankin*, be a committee to frame a Constitution for this Grand Royal Arch Chapter, and report accordingly.

The said Committee made the following report, which as amended, was concurred in, and unanimously adopted.

CONSTITUTION

OF THE

GRAND ROYAL ARCH CHAPTER

FOR THE

STATE OF MARYLAND AND DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA.

ARTICLE I.

§ 1. There shall be a *Grand Royal Arch Chapter* of Royal Arch Masons, for the State of Maryland and District of Columbia, which shall be held as herein after directed, and shall consist of a

Grand High Priest,
Deputy Grand High Priest,
Grand King,
Grand Scribe,
Grand Treasurer.

And the following appointments, to wit :

Grand Chaplain,
Four Grand Captains of the Vails,
Grand Marshal, or Master of Ceremonies,
Grand Conductor,
Two Grand Purveyors,
Grand Pursuivant,
Grand Janitor.

§ 2. The Grand Chapter shall meet semi-annually, and shall be held at the place, and the Thursday following every meeting of the Grand Lodge of Maryland: Provided nevertheless, the meetings of this Grand Chapter shall be held alternately at the City of Baltimore, and at the City of Washington.

§ 3. A special meeting of the Grand Chapter shall be called, whenever the Grand High Priest, Deputy Grand High Priest and Grand King, or any two of them may deem it necessary.

§ 4. The Grand Officers shall be elected, and all appointments determined by ballot, except where only one to the same office is in nomination, then and in such case he shall be declared duly elected, without the formality of a ballot.

§ 5. Not more than two Grand Officers to be installed, shall be elected from any Chapter, under the jurisdiction of this Grand Chapter.

§ 6. The Grand Officers shall be elected annually, commencing from the meeting of this Grand Chapter in November next, and shall continue to hold and exercise these several authorities, until the installation of their successors.

§ 7. Balloting and voting in all cases shall be by Chapters, and the officers and past officers of the Grand Chapter. Each Chapter subordinate to this Grand Chapter, shall be entitled to one vote; all past High Priests collectively, one vote; the Grand High Priest, Deputy Grand High Priest, Grand King, Grand Scribe, and Grand Treasurer, each one vote; and the past aforesaid Grand Officers, collectively, one vote.

§ 8. This Grand Chapter shall have the sole government and superintendence of the several Royal Arch Chapters, and Lodges of Most Excellent Masters, Mark Masters, and Past Masters, under its jurisdiction, to assign their limits and settle controversies that may happen between them; and shall have full power and authority under the Grand Seal, and Sign Manual of the Grand and Deputy Grand High Priests and Grand King, attested by the Grand Scribe, to constitute new Chapters of Royal Arch Masons and Lodges of most Excellent, Past, and Mark Master Masons.

§ 9. The Grand High Priest, the Deputy Grand High Priest and the Grand King, or either of them, shall have the power and authority whenever they, or either of them, shall deem it expedient (during the recess of the Grand Chapter) to grant Letters of Dispensation, under their several Hands and private Seals, to a competent number of Petitioners, (possessing the constitutional qualifications) empowering them to open a Chapter of Royal Arch Masons, and Lodges of Most Excellent, Past, and Mark Master Masons, for a certain specified term of time: Provided the said term of time shall not extend beyond the stated meeting of the Grand Chapter next after granting the same: And Provided further, that the same fees as are required by this Constitution for Charters, shall be first deposited in the hands of the Grand Treasurer. And in all cases of such Dispensations, the Officer granting the same, or the Grand Scribe, if informed thereof, shall make report at the next stated meeting of the Grand Chapter: when the said Grand Chapter may either continue or recall the said Dispensations, or may grant the Petitioners a Charter or Warrant of Constitution: And in case a Charter shall be granted, the fees first deposited shall be credited in payment for the same: but if a Charter should not be granted, nor the Dispensation continued, the said fees shall be refunded to the Petitioners, excepting only such parts

thereof as shall have been actually expended by means of their application.

§ 10. For all Charters granted for holding a New Chapter of Royal Arch Masons, and Lodges of Most Excellent, Past, and Mark Master Masons, the Petitioners therefor shall pay the sum of thirty dollars for the use of the Grand Chapter, and five dollars to the Grand Scribe; and for granting a Charter for holding a Mark Masons' Lodge separately, the petitioners for the same, shall pay the sum of fifteen dollars, for the use of the Grand Chapter, and the sum of three dollars to the Grand Scribe.

Such Chapters nevertheless, as are, or may become subordinate to this Grand Chapter within one year from the date hereof, shall have Charters granted to them on paying for the same, the sum of ten dollars, for the use of the Grand Chapter, and three dollars to the Grand Scribe for his services.

§ 11. No Charter shall be granted, for instituting Lodges of Most Excellent or Past Masters, independent of a Chapter of Royal Arch Masons.

§ 12. No warrant for the institution of a new Chapter of Royal Arch Masons shall be granted, except upon the petition of nine regular Royal Arch Masons; which petition shall be accompanied by a certificate from the Chapter nearest to the place where the new Chapter is intended to be opened, vouching for the moral character, and masonic abilities of the petitioners, and recommending to the Grand Chapter to grant their prayer. And no warrant for the institution of a Lodge of Mark Master Masons shall be granted, except upon the petition of (at least) five regular Mark Master Masons, accompanied by vouchers from the nearest Lodge of that degree, similar to those required upon the institution of a Chapter.

Provided however, that in each of the above cases, where the aforesaid vouchers, for reasons in the petition set forth, cannot be obtained, the Grand Chapter, shall be competent to determine upon the qualifications of the petitioners, upon such evidence as may be produced.

§ 13. It shall be incumbent on the Grand High Priest, Deputy Grand High Priest, and Grand King, severally to improve and perfect themselves in the sublime arts and works of Mark Masters, Past Masters, Most Excellent Masters, and Royal Arch Masons; to make themselves Masters of the several Masonic Lectures and ancient Charges; to consult with each other, as often as they conveniently can, and with the several Officers of the subordinate Chapters and Lodges, for the purpose of adopting measures suitable and proper for diffusing a knowledge of the said Lectures and Charges, and an uniform mode of working, in the several Chapters and Lodges throughout the jurisdiction of this Grand Chapter. And the better to effect this laudable purpose the aforesaid Grand Officers are severally empowered to visit and preside in any and every of the said Chapters and Lodges, and to give such instructions and directions as the good of the Fraternity may require; always adhering to the ancient landmarks of the order.

§ 14. In all cases of the absence of any Officer from any Chapter or Lodge, holden by virtue of this Constitution, the Officer next in rank shall succeed his superior; unless through courtesy said Officer should decline in favor of a Past Superior Officer present. And in case of the absence of all the Officers from any legal meeting of any of the bodies aforesaid, the members present, according to seniority and ability, shall fill the several offices.

§ 15. In every Chapter or Lodge of Masons, holden by virtue of this Constitution, all questions shall be determined by a majority of votes (except as to the admission of members and candidates); and in case the votes should at any time be equally divided, the presiding Officer shall give the casting vote.

§ 16. At every meeting of the Grand Chapter, when the Grand Scribe and Grand Treasurer cannot personally attend, they shall severally have the authority to appoint a deputy—But such deputy has no vote in any case, by virtue of his office.

ARTICLE II.

Of Subordinate Chapters and Lodges.

§ 1. All legally constituted assemblies of Royal Arch Masons, are called *Chapters*: as regular bodies of Mark Masters, Past Masters, and Most Excellent Masters, are called *Lodges*.

Every Chapter ought to assemble for work, once every two months; and must consist of an High Priest, King, Capt. General, Scribe, Treasurer, four Captains of the Vails, Marshal or Master of Ceremonies, Conductor, Purveyor, Pursuivant, and Janitor; and as many members as may be found convenient for working to advantage.

§ 2. Every Chapter of Royal Arch Masons and Lodge of Mark Master Masons, throughout this jurisdiction, shall have a Charter from the Grand Chapter; and no Charter or Lodge shall be deemed legal without such Charter; and Masonic communication, either public or private, is hereby interdicted and forbidden between any Chapter or Lodge under this jurisdiction, or any member of either of them, and any Chapter, Lodge or Assembly, that may be so illegally formed, opened or holden, without such Charter, or any or either of their members, or any person exalted or advanced in such illegal Chapter or Lodge.—But nothing in this Section shall be construed to affect any Chapter which was established before the adoption of this Royal Arch Constitution, though their future proceedings cannot be recognized as legal.

§ 3. Whenever a warrant is issued for constituting a Chapter of Royal Arch Masons, with a power in said warrant to open and hold a Lodge of Most Excellent, Past, and Mark Master Masons, the High Priest, King and Captain General for the time being, of such Chapter, shall be the Master and Wardens in said Lodges according to seniority.

§ 4. All applications for the exaltation or advancement of candidates, in any Chapter or Lodge, under this jurisdiction, shall lie over, at least one meeting, for the consideration of the Members, unless in cases of emergency.

§ 5. The High Priest, and other Officers, of every Chapter, and the Officers of every Lodge of Mark Master Masons, shall be chosen annually, by ballot.

§ 6. The High Priest of every Chapter, has it in special charge, as appertaining to his office, duty and dignity, to see that the by-laws of his Chapter, as well as the Grand Royal Arch Constitution, and the General Regulations of the Grand Chapter, be duly observed; that all the other Officers of his Chapter, perform the duties of their respective Offices faithfully, and are examples of diligence and industry to their companions;—that true and exact records be kept of all the proceedings of the Chapter by the Secretary; that the Treasurer keep and render exact

and just accounts of all the monies belonging to the Chapter, that regular returns be made by the Secretary, semi-annually, to the Grand Chapter of all admissions of Candidates or Members, and all suspensions, expulsions and rejections as they severally occur; and that the annual dues to the Grand Chapter be regularly and punctually paid.—He has the special care and charge of the warrants of his Chapter.—He has the right and authority of calling his Chapter at pleasure, upon any emergency or occurrence which in his judgment may require their meeting, and he is to fill the Chair when present.—It is likewise his duty, together with his King and Scribe, to attend the meetings of the Grand Chapter (when duly summoned by the Grand Secretary) either in person, or by proxy.

§ 7. For the preservation of secrecy and good harmony, and in order that due decorum may be observed while the Chapter is engaged in business, a worthy Royal Arch Mason is to be appointed from time to time for tyling the Chapter. His duty is fixed by custom, and known in all regular Chapters.—He may be elected annually, but is to continue in office only during good behaviour, and is to be paid for his services.

§ 8. All Lodges of Mark Master Masons are bound to observe the two preceding articles, as far as they can be applied to the government of a Lodge.

§ 9. No Chapter shall confer the degrees of Mark Master Masons, Past Master, Most Excellent Master, and Royal Arch Mason, upon any Brother, for a less sum than Fifteen Dollars.—And no Lodge of Mark Master Masons, shall advance a Brother to that degree for a less sum than Four Dollars.

§ 10. There shall be paid to the Grand Chapter by the several Chapters and Lodges under the jurisdiction of this Grand Chapter, the annual dues following, to wit:

Each Chapter shall pay for every member the sum of fifty cents, and the sum of one dollar upon the admission and exaltation of every candidate to our mysteries. And each Lodge of Mark Masons, not appertaining to a Chapter, shall pay for every member the sum of twenty-five cents; and for every person advanced to that degree, the sum of fifty cents.

§ 11. Should any Chapter of Royal Arch Masons, or Lodge of Mark Masons, not appertaining to a Chapter, refuse or neglect to make returns of their members, or to pay their dues to the Grand Royal Arch Chapter, for two years successively, or notice thereof from the Grand High Priest, signed by the Grand Scribe, their Charter shall be suspended until the next succeeding Assembly of the Grand Chapter; when, without sufficient excuse for such neglect or refusal, or returns being made and dues paid up, the Charter of such Chapter or Lodge shall be forfeited.

§ 12. Every Subordinate Chapter, ought always to be represented in the Grand Chapter, but no Delegate shall have authority to represent two Chapters at the same time.

ARTICLE III.

Of constituting new Chapters.

§ 1. When a warrant of Constitution is granted, for constituting a new Chapter of Royal Arch Masons, the Grand Officers, respectively, shall appoint a day and hour for constituting the same, and installing the

new officers: On the day and hour appointed the Grand, or Deputy Grand High Priest,* with his Officers, meet in a convenient room near to the place where the new Chapter is to be constituted. The officers of this new Chapter are to be examined, by the Deputy Grand High Priest, or some companion appointed for that purpose; after they are approved, they are to return to the hall, and prepare for the reception of the Grand Chapter. When notice is given by the Grand Marshal that they are prepared, the Grand Chapter walks in procession to the Hall, when the Officers appointed for the new Chapter, resign their seats to the Grand Officers, and take their several stations on the left; the necessary cautions are then given from the chair, and the ceremony commences by performing an Anthem or Ode, adapted to the occasion. The Officers and members of the new Chapter then form in front of the Grand High Priest.

The Deputy Grand High Priest then informs the Grand High Priest, that "A number of companions duly instructed in the sublime mysteries, being desirous of promoting the honor of the Art, have applied to the Grand Chapter for a warrant to constitute a new Chapter of Royal Arch Masons, which having obtained, they are now assembled for the purpose of being constituted, and having their officers installed in due and ancient form."

The Grand High Priest then directs the Grand Secretary to read the warrant, which being done, he asks the members of the new Chapter, if they still approve of the officers nominated therein; this being signified accordingly, the Grand High Priest rises and says,

"By virtue of the high powers in me vested, I do form you, my worthy companions, into a regular Chapter of Royal Arch Masons; from henceforth you are empowered to open and hold a Lodge of Mark Masters, Past Masters, and Most Excellent Masters, and a Chapter of Royal Arch Masons; and to do and perform all such things as may thereunto appertain; conforming in all your doings to the Grand Royal Arch Constitution, and the general regulations of the Grand Chapter; and may the God of our Fathers be with you, guide and direct you, in all your doings."

Grand Honours.

The furniture, jewels, implements, utensils, &c. belonging to the Chapter (having previously been placed in due form, covered, in the centre) are then uncovered, and the new Chapter is dedicated, in ancient manner and form, as is well described in the most excellent Master's degree. The deputy Grand High Priest then presents the first Officer of the new Chapter to the Grand High Priest, saying,

"Most excellent Grand High Priest,

I present you my worthy companion——nominated in the warrant, to be installed High Priest of this new Chapter; I find him to be skilful in the Royal Art, and attentive to the moral precepts of our forefathers, and have therefore no doubt but he will discharge the duties of his office with fidelity."

The Grand High Priest then addresses him as follows,

"Most Excellent Companion,

I feel much satisfaction in performing my duty on the present occasion by installing you into the Office of High Priest of this new Chapter. It

* Or the presiding officer for the time being.

is an Office highly honourable to all those who diligently perform the important duties annexed to it: your reputed Masonic knowledge, however, precludes the necessity of a particular enumeration of those duties; I shall therefore only observe, that by a frequent recurrence to the constitution, and general regulations, and a constant practice of the several sublime Lectures and Charges, you will be best able to fulfil them; and I am confident, that the companions who are chosen to preside with you, will give strength to your endeavours, and support your exertions.—I shall now propose certain questions to you, relative to the duties of your office, and to which I must request your unequivocal answer.

1. Do you solemnly promise that you will redouble your endeavours, to correct the vices, purify the morals, and promote the happiness of those of your brethren who have attained this sublime degree.

2. That you will never suffer your Chapter to be opened unless there be present nine regular Royal Arch Masons.

3. That you will never suffer more than three Brethren to be exalted in your Chapter at one and the same time.

4. That you will not exalt any one to this degree, who has not shown a charitable and humane disposition; or who has not made a considerable proficiency in the foregoing degrees.

5. That you will promote the general good of our order, and on all proper occasions be ready to give and receive instructions, and particularly from the Grand Officers.

6. That to the utmost of your power you will preserve the solemnities of our ceremonies, and behave in open Chapter, with the most profound respect and reverence, as an example to your companions.

7. That you will not acknowledge or have intercourse with any Chapter that does not work under a constitutional warrant or dispensation.

8. That you will not admit any visitor into your Chapter who has not been exalted in a Chapter legally constituted, without his being first formally healed.

9. That you will observe and support such bye laws as may be made by your Chapter, in conformity to the Grand Royal Arch Constitution, and the general regulations of the Grand Chapter.

10. That you will pay due respect and obedience to the instructions of the Grand Officers, particularly relating to the several lectures and charges, and will resign the chair to them, severally, when they may visit your Chapter.

11. That you will support and observe the Grand Royal Arch Constitution, and the regulations of the Royal Arch Chapter under whose authority you act.

Do you submit to all these things, and do you promise to observe and practice them faithfully?

These questions being answered in the affirmative, the companions all kneel in due form, and the Grand High Priest or Grand Chaplain, repeats the following, or some other suitable prayer.

“Most Holy and Glorious Lord God, the Great High Priest of Heaven and Earth,

We approach thee with reverence, and implore thy blessing on the Companion appointed to preside over this new assembly, and now

prostrate before thee; fill his heart with thy fear, that his tongue and actions may pronounce thy glory. Make him stedfast in thy service; grant him firmness of mind; animate his heart, and strengthen his endeavours; may he teach thy judgments and thy laws; and may the incense he shall put before thee, upon thine altar, prove an acceptable sacrifice unto thee. Bless him O Lord, and bless the work of his hands—Accept us in mercy; hear thou from Heaven thy dwelling place, and forgive our transgressions.

Glory be to God the Father; as it was in the beginning, &c.” Response, “so mote it be.”

All the Companions except High Priests and Past High Priests, are then desired to withdraw, while the new High Priest is solemnly bound to the performance of his duties; and after the performance of other necessary ceremonies, not proper to be written, they are permitted to return.

The Grand High Priest then addresses the new High Priest, as follows :

“Most Excellent Companion !

In consequence of your cheerful acquiescence with the charges and regulations just recited, I now declare you duly installed and anointed High Priest of this new Chapter; not doubting your determination to support the reputation and honour of our sublime Order. I now cheerfully deliver unto you the warrant under which you are to work ;—and I doubt not you will govern with such good order and regularity, as will convince your companions that their partiality has not been improperly placed.”

* The Grand High Priest, then clothes and invests the new High Priest with the various implements and insignia of the Order, with suitable Charges to each of them.

The Grand High Priest then installs the several subordinate Officers in turn; and points out to them the duties appertaining to their respective Offices; after which he pronounces a suitable address to the new Chapter, and closes the ceremony, with the following benediction :

“The Lord be with you all; let brotherly love continue; be not forgetful to entertain strangers;—Now the God of Peace, our supreme High Priest, make you perfect to do his will.

Glory be to God on high, and on earth peace and good-will to men. As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, &c.”

§ 2. At the institution of all Lodges of Mark Master Masons, under this jurisdiction, the same ceremonies as are prescribed in the foregoing section, are to be observed, as they will apply to that degree.

§ 3. Whenever it shall be inconvenient for the Grand Officers, or the Grand or Deputy Grand High Priests, respectively, to attend in person, to constitute a new Chapter or Lodge, and install the Officers, they shall severally have power and authority, to appoint some worthy High Priest, or Past High Priest, to perform the necessary ceremonies.

§ 4. The Officers of every Chapter and Lodge under this jurisdiction, before they enter upon the exercise of their respective Offices, and also the members of all such Chapters and Lodges, and every candidate upon his admission into the same, shall take the following obligation, viz. “I, A. B. do promise and swear, that I will support and maintain the Grand Royal Arch Constitution.”

§ 5. This Grand Royal Arch Chapter shall be competent (on concurrence of three-fourths of its members present) at any time hereafter, to revive, amend and alter this Constitution; and make, alter and amend such laws and regulations as may be deemed necessary by them for the better government of their own body, or that of the subordinate Chapters and Lodges.

Resolved, That the Grand Scribe be requested to procure for this Grand Chapter a Grand Seal with an appropriate device thereon.

Resolved, That Compns. Reintzel, O'Neale and Rankin, be a Committee to liquidate and settle the expenses of this Grand Convention, and draw upon the Grand Treasurer for the same.

Resolved, That the foregoing proceedings be printed, and that 300 copies be struck off for the use of this Grand Chapter.

Prayers were offered by the Grand Chaplain. And the Grand Chapter closed with the accustomed solemnities.

Washington, 26th January, A. T. 2807.

Attest,

ROBERT RANKIN,
Grand Scribe.

[As before stated, no existing records or documents make any reference to the Grand Chapter between this date and Nov. 9th, 1814. E. T. S.]

PROCEEDINGS
OF THE
GRAND ROYAL ARCH CHAPTER
OF THE
STATE OF MARYLAND AND DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA.*

At a meeting of representatives from Chapters Nos. 1, 2 and 3, of Royal Arch Masons, held in the City of Baltimore, on the 9th day of November, Anno Templi, 2814, for the purpose of revising and amending the Constitution of the Grand Royal Arch Chapter—Present—

Companion JAMES VINSON, (Washington) Chapter No. 1;

Companions ADAM DENMEAD, PHILIP P. ECKEL, HEZEKIAH NILES, JOHN HARGROVE, HENRY S. KEATINGE, BENJAMIN EDES, Chapter No. 2;

Companions ALEXANDER MCCORMICK, SAMUEL HOIT, JAMES YOUNG, (Federal) Chapter No. 3.

Companion Denmead was called to the Chair, and Companion Edes appointed Secretary, *pro tem*. On motion, *Resolved*, That a committee of five be appointed to revise the Constitution, and report to-morrow, such amendments or alterations as may appear necessary, which was agreed to; and accordingly the Chairman named Companions Vinson, Eckel, Young, M'Cormick and Keatinge, as that Committee. The meeting then adjourned until to-morrow evening, five o'clock.

Agreeably to adjournment, the Representatives of Chapters Nos. 1, 2 and 3, of Royal Arch Masons, met in Cassia Lodge-room, this 10th day of November, Anno Templi, 2814, and opened the Chapter in most excellent order. Present:

Comps. ALEXANDER MCCORMICK, G. T. & Grand High Priest, *pro tem*.

PHILIP P. ECKEL, 1st C. of V. & D. G. High Priest, *pro tem*.

ADAM DENMEAD, 4th C. of V. & G. King, *pro tem*.

PETER GALT, Grand Scribe, *pro tem*.

BENJAMIN EDES, G. Secretary, *pro tem*.

JOHN HARGROVE, G. R. A. Chaplain,

H. S. KEATINGE, G. R. A. Captain, *pro tem*.

WILLIAM COOK, G. Janitor, *pro tem*.

and Comps. JAMES YOUNG, ARCHIBALD DOBBIN, HEZEKIAH NILES,
SAMUEL HOIT, JOHN OGSTON.

The Committee to whom was referred the revisal of the Constitution, reported sundry amendments, which report was concurred in.

The Chapter went into a ballot for their officers to serve the ensuing twelve months, when the following Companions were declared duly elected:

* These proceedings are given nearly entire, and verbatim, typographical errors only excepted.

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| P. P. ECKEL..... | <i>Grand High Priest.</i> |
| A. McCORMICK..... | <i>D. Grand High Priest.</i> |
| PETER GALT..... | <i>Grand King.</i> |
| SAMUEL HOIT..... | <i>Grand Scribe.</i> |
| ELI SIMPKINS..... | <i>Grand Secretary.</i> |
| JOHN OGSTON..... | <i>Grand Treasurer.</i> |

The following Companions were appointed :

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| HEZEKIAH NILES..... | <i>Grand Captain of the Host.</i> |
| A. DENMEAD..... | <i>Grand R. A. Captain.</i> |
| REV. A. T. McCORMICK..... | <i>Grand R. A. Chaplain.</i> |
| JAMES VINSON..... | <i>Grand R. A. Marshal.</i> |
| BENJAMIN EDES..... | } <i>Grand Captains of Vails.</i> |
| THOMAS HOLLIDAY..... | |
| SAMUEL COLE..... | |
| HARVEY BESTOR..... | } <i>Grand Purveyors.</i> |
| ARCHIBALD DOBBIN..... | |
| WILLIAM O'NEALE..... | <i>Grand Pursuivant.</i> |
| BERNARD PARSONS..... | <i>Grand Janitor.</i> |

On motion, *Resolved*, That the Grand Secretary cause to be printed a sufficient number of the proceedings of this meeting, connected with the Constitution as amended, in a pamphlet form, for the use of the Grand R. A. Chapter.

The officers elect were then duly installed, and the Grand Chapter was closed, to meet in the City of Washington on the second Monday in November next.

Washington, Nov. 13, 1815.

The Grand Royal Arch Chapter met at the City of Washington this 13th day of November, Anno Templi 2815.—

PRESENT :

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| Com's P. P. ECKEL..... | <i>Grand High Priest.</i> |
| ALEX. McCORMICK..... | <i>D. Grand High Priest.</i> |
| GEORGE MYERS..... | <i>Grand King, p. t.</i> |
| JOHN DAVIDSON..... | <i>Grand Scribe, p. t.</i> |
| BENJAMIN EDES..... | <i>Grand Secretary, p. t.</i> |
| HENRY STARR..... | <i>Grand Treasurer, p. t.</i> |
| J. E. JACKSON..... | <i>Grand Capt. of Host, p. t.</i> |
| JOHN MYERS..... | <i>Grand R. A. Capt. p. t.</i> |
| JAMES VINSON..... | <i>Grand R. A. Marshal.</i> |
| T. HOLLIDAY, B. EDES, J. YOUNG p. t..... | <i>Grand Capts. of Vails.</i> |
| HARVEY BESTOR, Z. FARRELL p. t..... | <i>Grand Purveyors.</i> |
| WM. O'NEAL..... | <i>Grand Pursuivant.</i> |
| BARNARD PARSONS..... | <i>Grand Janitor.</i> |

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| Chapter No. 1, (Washington,) Companions James Vinson, Henry Starr, and George Myers, who paid | \$16 00 |
| Chapter No. 2, by Benjamin Edes, and J. E. Jackson, who paid | 21 00 |
| Chapter No. 3, (Federal,) by J. Davidson, J. Young, Wm. Hewitt, Zephaniah Farrell, S. W. Gray, John Myers, Benjamin M. Belt, J. W. Brashears, Benjamin Birch, and John Wiley, who paid | 19 50 |
| From Lebanon Mark Lodge, | 15 00 |
| From Cassia Mark Lodge, | 15 00 |
| From Amicable Mark Lodge, | 15 00 |
| | \$101 50 |

Which was paid into the hands of the Grand Treasurer.

A Committee was appointed to examine the Treasurer's Accounts consisting of companions J. E. Jackson, and Zephaniah Farrell, who made the following report.

The committee appointed to examine Treasurer Ogston's account, find it correct, leaving a balance in his hands of fifty-six dollars, exclusive of the present yearly dues.

J. E. JACKSON, Z. FARRELL.

A Committee of Correspondence was then appointed consisting of Companions Edes, Davidson, and Young, to whom was referred the letter from Companion Thomas S. Webb, soliciting a union of this Grand Chapter with the General Grand Chapter who made the following report:

The committee to whom was referred the letter of Companion Webb, General Grand King of General Grand Chapter, report—That in their opinion no injury can result to this Grand Chapter in their appointing a delegate to meet the General Grand Chapter at their next communication, and respectfully recommend that a delegate be appointed for that purpose, to represent the Grand Chapter, and to report their proceedings to this Chapter at their next communication for consideration.

Signed. BENJAMIN EDES, JOHN DAVIDSON.

Which was adopted.

Companion P. P. Eckel, G. High Priest, was appointed to represent this Grand Chapter, and in case of his inability to attend, the Grand Council have the power to appoint a Delegate for that purpose.

A bill was received from the Grand Janitor, amounting to \$18.50, which was ordered to be paid.

A petition was received from sundry Mark Master Masons, soliciting a warrant for a Mark Lodge, to be attached to Cassia Lodge, in Baltimore, which was granted.

A petition was received from Brother Davidson and others, praying a warrant for holding a Mark Lodge in the City of Washington, which was granted.

A petition was received from Brother Edes, in behalf of sundry Mark Masons, soliciting a warrant for holding a Mark Lodge in Baltimore, which was granted.

On motion,

Resolved, That the Secretary fill up the warrants to the petitioners for Mark Lodges, in conformity to the names set forth by the petitionors, but that no two Lodges in one place shall bear the same name.

Adjourned till to-morrow at ten o'clock.

Wednesday, Nov. 15th, 1815.

The Chapter met pursuant to adjournment, and proceeded to business.

A bill was received from the Grand Secretary for a blank book purchased, and printing done for the Grand Chapter, amounting to \$31.25, which was ordered to be paid.

The following resolutions were then passed:

Resolved, That the Grand Officers have power to grant a warrant to Companion James Kilbourne and others in Ohio, to enable them to work as R. A. S. E. Masons, &c. &c. if applications be made by the first of February next, and that the dispensation under which they now work be continued until that time.

Resolved, That the Grand Officers have power to grant a warrant to the Chapter at Elkton, if application be made by the first of February next.

Resolved, That the word "*One*" in the third line of second paragraph in 10th section of article 1st of the Constitution, be stricken out, and the word *Two* be substituted and that the letter S be added to the word year.

Resolved, That the dispensation granted to Mark Lodges be continued until their warrants be made out by the Secretary.

Resolved, That the Grand Treasurer have power to pay all bills of expenses for the Grand Royal Arch Chapter, which may be rendered to him, provided they be previously approved by the Grand High Priest.

Resolved, That the Grand Secretary cause to be printed one hundred and fifty copies of the proceedings of this Grand Royal Arch Chapter, in pamphlet form, similar to the Constitution, and that the name of the Officers elected, be published in a Newspaper at Baltimore, and also at Washington.

The Grand High Priest paid towards making a seal for Grand R. A. Chapter, ten dollars, being the balance of money remaining in his hands from a previous Grand R. A. Chapter.

Grand Treasurer,——Dr.

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| To Cash in hand from last communication..... | \$ 56 00 |
| To Cash received at present communication..... | 101 50 |
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| | \$157 50 |

Grand Treasurer,——Cr.

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| By Cash paid Janitor..... | \$ 18 59 |
| Balance in hand..... | 138 91 |
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| | \$157 50 |

No other business appearing, the Grand Chapter proceeded to a ballot for their officers to serve the ensuing twelve months, when the following companions were unanimously elected.

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| Comps. P. P. ECKEL, of Baltimore..... | <i>Grand High Priest.</i> |
| A McCORMICK, of Washington..... | <i>D. Grand High Priest.</i> |
| PETER GALT, of Baltimore..... | <i>Grand King.</i> |
| J. DAVIDSON, of Washington..... | <i>Grand Scribe.</i> |
| BENJAMIN EDES, of Baltimore..... | <i>Grand Secretary.</i> |
| JOHN OGSTON, of Baltimore..... | <i>Grand Treasurer.</i> |

The following appointments were then made:

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| H. NILES..... | <i>Grand Capt. of Host.</i> |
| A. DENMEAD..... | <i>Grand R. A. Capt.</i> |
| JOHN HARGROVE..... | <i>Grand R. A. Chaplain.</i> |
| JAMES VINSON..... | <i>Grand R. A. Marshal.</i> |
| GEORGE MYERS, THOMAS HOLLIDAY, SAMUEL COLE... | <i>Grand Capt. of Vails.</i> |
| A. DOBBIN, WILLIAM O'NEAL..... | <i>Grand Purveyors.</i> |
| HENRY STARR..... | <i>Grand Pursuivant.</i> |
| WILLIAM COOK..... | <i>Grand Janitor.</i> |

The officers elected were then properly installed, and the Grand Royal Arch Chapter was closed, to meet in the City of Baltimore, on the second Monday in November, Anno Templi 2816, at 10 o'clock, A. M.

BENJAMIN EDES, Grand R. A. Secretary.

[HOREB R. A. CHAPTER.

Worthington, Franklin County, Ohio.

On March 8th, 1815, Deputy Grand High Priest McCormick issued a dispensation to James Kilbourne and others, for the formation of a Chapter at Worthington, Franklin County, Ohio. Although the records of the Grand Chapter do not mention the fact, it is certain that a Charter was subsequently issued and the Chapter regularly organized as Horeb R. Arch Chapter; Companion Kilbourne being the first High Priest.

On Tuesday, October 28th, 1819, Horeb Chapter, in connection with three other Chapters in Ohio, formed the Grand Chapter of that State. The officers were publicly installed the following day by Thomas Smith Webb, General Grand High Priest, at the Worthington Academy, on which occasion Comp. Kilbourne, Past High Priest of Horeb Chapter pronounced an oration.]

BALTIMORE, *November 11, 1816.*

The Grand Royal Arch Chapter met at the City of Baltimore, this 11th day of November, Anno Templi, 2816, and was opened in proper form :

PRESENT.

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| Comps. P. P. ECKEL..... | <i>Grand High Priest.</i> |
| H. NILES..... | <i>Grand King, p. t.</i> |
| H. STARR..... | <i>Grand Scribe, p. t.</i> |
| B. EDES..... | <i>Grand Secretary.</i> |
| J. OGSTON..... | <i>Grand Treasurer.</i> |
| H. S. KEATINGE..... | <i>Grand Capt. of Host, p. t.</i> |

And the other necessary officers and representatives.

A full representation not appearing, the Grand Chapter adjourned till 5 o'clock this evening.

The Grand Royal Arch Chapter met pursuant to adjournment, November 11, 5 o'clock, P. M., and was opened in usual form :

PRESENT.

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| Comps. P. P. ECKEL..... | <i>Grand High Priest.</i> |
| ALEX. MCCORMICK..... | <i>D. Grand High Priest.</i> |
| H. NILES | <i>Grand King, p. t.</i> |
| H. STARR..... | <i>Grand Scribe, p. t.</i> |
| B. EDES..... | <i>Grand Secretary.</i> |
| J. OGSTON..... | <i>Grand Treasurer.</i> |
| H. S. KEATINGE..... | <i>Grand Capt. of Host, p. t.</i> |

(Washington) Chapter No. 1, was represented by Companions Peter Galt, H. Starr and Wm. Steuart.

Chapter No. 2, by Companions H. Niles, and G. Bigham.

(Federal) Chapter No. 3, by Companions Wm. O'Neale and Alexander McCormick.

And Amicable Mark Lodge, by Companions Henry S. Keatinge and Leslie Gallagher.

The representatives appeared, and paid the following dues, viz :

No. 1, \$19.50; No. 2, \$27.00; No. 3, \$13.50; Amicable Mark, \$2.25; Washington Naval Chapter, \$34.00; Lebanon Mark, \$16.75; Total \$113.00.

The Grand High Priest addressed the Grand Chapter, in a pathetic manner, giving thanks to the Chapter for the honor conferred on him, in exalting him to the station of Grand High Priest—recommending several salutary improvements, and declined a re-election.

The Grand High Priest made a report relative to the embassy to the General Grand Chapter of New York; which was referred to Companions H. Niles, Alexander McCormick and John Ogston, who made the following report, viz :

The committee to whom was referred the communication of the Grand High Priest, report :

That they recommend the adoption by this Chapter, of the condition proposed and accepted, for its union with the General Grand Chapter; it being considered as not interfering, in any manner whatsoever, with our present mode of working. That they consider the sum of fifty dollars should be demanded for the erection of a new Chapter of Royal Arch Masons; and that the second evening of the session of the Grand Chapter be appointed for the purpose of doing business belonging to the Mark Lodges, under its jurisdiction, of which the Grand High Priest shall give notice to the Masters thereof."

Upon the question being put, the report was concurred in.

Companion Thomas Holliday, appeared as a representative for Washington Naval Royal Arch Chapter, working under a dispensation from the Deputy Grand High Priest, with his credentials and return.

Resolved, That a Charter of recognition be issued to Washington Union Royal Arch Chapter, by the name of WASHINGTON NAVAL ROYAL ARCH CHAPTER, upon their complying with the by-laws and constitution.

A motion was made for adjournment, to-morrow morning, at 10 o'clock, which was carried; and the Grand Chapter was accordingly adjourned until Tuesday morning, at 10 o'clock.

Tuesday morning, 10 o'clock.

The Chapter met pursuant to adjournment, and proceeded to business.

A motion was made and seconded to the following effect, viz :

Resolved, That the Grand Secretary be paid for his services three dollars per day, for every day the Grand Chapter be in session, and for every Grand Royal Arch certificate he issues, the sum of three dollars; the latter sum to be paid by the Companion obtaining the certificate.

Companions William Stenart and J. L. Wampler, appeared in behalf of the Companions of Concordia Lodge, No. 13, and solicited a charter of recognition. Upon which Companion H. Niles, proposed the following, viz :

"WHEREAS, it is the opinion of many Companions that a Chapter of Royal Arch Masons called Concordia Chapter, has existed in Baltimore, though for some time dormant; and a representation of the case being made, and the Grand Chapter being desirous for the good of the Craft, which they think might be promoted by its organization; therefore,

Resolved, That upon a proper petition, for the purpose, being preferred to the Grand High Priest, he shall be, and is hereby authorized,

to issue (to those claiming a right of membership in said Chapter) a charter of recognition, they paying ten dollars, with three dollars to the Grand Secretary for the same." Which was unanimously adopted.

On motion of Companion Alexander McCormick,

Resolved, That Companion Amos Alexander, and others, of the City of Alexandria, have a charter of recognition as BROOKE CHAPTER, No. 6, granted them upon complying with the conditions specified in the resolution relative to Concordia Lodge.

On motion of Companion B. Edes,

Resolved, That the following words in the ninth section of the 2nd Article of the Constitution of the Grand Royal Arch Chapter of the State of Maryland and District of Columbia, viz: "And each Lodge of Mark Masons not appertaining to a Chapter, shall pay for every member the sum of twenty-five cents, and for every person advanced to that degree, the sum of fifty cents," be rescinded and erased from the constitution, aforesaid. Which was unanimously adopted.

On motion,

Resolved, That the Grand Chapter now proceed to the election of officers—which was carried; and the Chapter accordingly proceeded to an election; when it appeared that the following Companions were unanimously elected, viz:

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| Comps. A. McCORMICK, (of Wash'n.) | | <i>Grand High Priest.</i> |
| H. NILES, (of Baltimore) | | <i>D. Grand High Priest.</i> |
| GEO. MYERS, do | ..... | <i>Grand King.</i> |
| W. O'NEALE, (of Washington.) | ..... | <i>Grand Scribe.</i> |
| B. EDES, (of Baltimore). | ..... | <i>Grand Secretary.</i> |
| JOHN OGSTON, do | | <i>Grand Treasurer.</i> |

The following appointments were then made, viz:

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| Comps. REV. A. T. McCORMICK | | <i>Grand Royal Arch Chaplain.</i> |
| HENRY STARR | | <i>Grand Capt. of Host.</i> |
| ADAM DENMEAD | ..... | <i>Grand Royal Arch Captain.</i> |
| JAMES VINSON | ..... | <i>Grand Royal Arch Marshal.</i> |
| JOHN BRASHEARS | ..... | } <i>Grand Cpts. of Vails.</i> |
| THOS. HOLLIDAY | ..... |  |
| SAMUEL COLE | ..... |  |
| H. S. KEATINGE | ..... | } <i>Grand Purveyors.</i> |
| BENJ. BURCH | ..... |  |
| JAMES HAMMERSLEY | ..... | <i>Grand Pursuivant.</i> |
| BARNARD PARSONS | ..... | <i>Grand Janitor.</i> |

A motion was then made to adjourn till this evening, at 5 o'clock which was carried.

Tuesday evening, 6 o'clock.

The Grand Chapter met pursuant to adjournment. A full representation appearing, proceeded to business.

A return was received from Lebanon Mark Lodge of Baltimore, inclosing \$16.75, which was paid into the hands of the Treasurer.

A motion was made and seconded, to the following effect, viz:

Resolved, That the thanks of the Grand Chapter be given to Companion Eckel, for the ability, impartiality and fidelity, with which he has executed the office of Grand High Priest; which was passed unanimously, and thanks presented to him by the D. Grand High Priest.

A resolution was introduced and passed unanimously, That fifty dollars be paid to the Grand High Priest, in consideration of remunerating

his expenses to New York, on a mission to the General Grand Chapter of the United States—also,

Resolved, That twenty dollars be awarded to Companion Edes, as his coadjutor, he being paid thirty dollars from another authority, for an embassy to Philadelphia.*

A bill was received from the Grand Janitor, *pro tem.* for supplies furnished to the Grand Chapter, amounting to \$10.94; also, a bill for tyling, amounting to \$5; which were passed and ordered to be paid.

The Grand Officers were then ordered to be installed.

No other business appearing the Grand Chapter was closed to meet in Washington on the 2nd Monday in November, 1817.

[BROOKE R. A. CHAPTER, No. 6.

Alexandria, District of Columbia.

AMOS ALEXANDER *High Priest.*

JOHN RHEA..... *King.*

JOHN B. HAMMETT..... *Scribe.*

EARLY MEMBERS.

Thomas Symms, Thomas Towers, Nicholas Blasdale, Grafton Cawood, A. P. Gilpin, Adam Adam, — McClean, — Dunlap, Richard Barry, Washington C. Page, James Carson, Richard Rock, Thomas C. Tuley, Philip Mann, William Cooper, Thomas Shields, C. T. Chapman, Samuel Isaacs, Benj. Thornton, Joseph Eaches, Levi Hurdle, J. Jack.

This Chapter was attached to Brooke Lodge, No. 47, at Alexandria, which was chartered by the Grand Lodge of Virginia, November 20th, 1796. It was named in honor of the then Grand Master of Virginia, Robert Brooke.

We have no knowledge of the date of the formation of the Chapter nor of its history, farther than as it has been seen, it applied for and received a charter of recognition from the Grand Chapter of Maryland and District of Columbia, November 11th, 1816, and also that it was one of the Chapters withdrawing in 1824 and forming the Grand Chapter of the District of Columbia, when it became Brooke Chapter, No. 3, under that jurisdiction, and was a constituent of that Grand Chapter until the demise of the latter in 1833.]

WASHINGTON, Nov. 10, 1817.

The Grand Royal Arch Chapter for the State of Maryland and the District of Columbia, met in the City of Washington, on Monday, the

*Companion Edes was a delegate from Maryland Encampment No. 1, to the Grand Encampment of Pennsylvania, of which it was a constituent.

10th day of November, Anno Templi, 2817, and was opened in proper form.

PRESENT.

Comps. ALEX. McCORMICK.....*Grand High Priest.*
 H. S. KAETINGE.....*D. Grand High Priest, p. t.*
 BENJAMIN G. ORR.....*Grand King, p. t.*
 ASA CROCKER.....*Grand Scribe, p. t.*
 BENJAMIN EDES.....*Grand Secretary.*
 JOHN OGSTON.....*Grand Treasurer.*
 W. W. SEATON.....*Capt. of Host, p. t.*

Other officers and the Representatives.

Chapter No. 1, (Washington,) was represented by Companion Asa Crocker who paid to the Grand Treasurer, \$24.

Companion George Pollert appeared on the previous return, and now accounted for, as not being a member when returned.

No. 2. Represented by H. S. Keatinge, who paid, as per return, \$33.

No. 3, (Federal.) By B. G. Orr, W. W. Seaton, John Myers, John Davidson, James Young, Daniel Rapine and P. D. Stelle, who paid \$21.50.

Zephaniah Farrell, on previous return not accounted for.

No. 4, (Washington Naval.) By Marmaduke Dove, Nahum Warren, and Edward D. Grant, who paid \$16.50.

The Grand High Priest paid to Grand Treasurer, for granting to Companion Kilbourne and others, a dispensation for holding a Chapter in Ohio, \$50.

Union Mark Lodge paid to Treasurer for dispensation, \$10.

On motion: *Resolved*, That the Grand Chapter adjourn till 2 P. M.

Monday, 2 o'clock, P. M.

The Grand Chapter met, pursuant to adjournment, and proceeded to business. A communication was received from the D. Grand High Priest which was referred to a committee of three, viz., Companions Asa Crocker, Benj. Edes and W. W. Seaton.

An application from the Companions of Phoenix Royal Arch Chapter, working under a dispensation, was read and referred to the committee to whom was referred the papers from the D. Grand High Priest.

On motion: *Resolved*, That the Grand Chapter adjourn till Tuesday morning, 10 o'clock.

Tuesday morning, 10 o'clock.

The Grand Royal Arch Chapter met, pursuant to adjournment. A full representation not appearing, adjourned till 2 o'clock, P. M.

Tuesday, 2 o'clock, P. M.

The Grand Chapter met, pursuant to adjournment, and proceeded to business.

The committee to whom was referred the papers received from the D. Grand High Priest made the following report:

"The committee to whom was referred the letter of the D. Grand High Priest together with the papers accompanying the same, report:—

"That on the first subject, embraced by the D. Grand High Priest's communication, viz.—the original petition from Newmarket, for a dispensation to erect a Mark Masters' Lodge; it does not appear to your committee that the said Lodge has made any return of their proceed-

ings since the dispensation issued, which expires at the Grand Communication of the present month; nor to have followed up their dispensation by soliciting a charter;—Therefore, presume the said Lodge had ceased to work.

“The second subject, marked B, being a petition for a charter for a Chapter from PHOENIX CHAPTER, No. 7, working under dispensation, your committee recommend a compliance with, on the requisites of the constitution being complied with.

“The third subject of reference, marked C, relative to the returned dispensation from Concordia Chapter, and the charter issued to it in lieu thereof, does not require any particular report, except to recommend that the said dispensation be destroyed, being superseded and rendered null, by the charter granted. It may be proper to remark, however, that the said Chapter has made no return to this Grand Communication, either of members or proceedings, though the D. Grand High Priest vouches, in his letter, that they are working satisfactorily.

“In regard to the fourth subject of reference, marked D, your committee concur with the D. Grand High Priest in recommending that a charter issue to UNION MARK LODGE, Newmarket, Frederick County, they have returned their dispensation, and petition for a charter, furnishing the requisites demanded by the Grand Constitution.

“In regard to the recommendation of the D. Grand High Priest to empower the several Chapters of Royal Arch Masons to open and hold Chapters of Select Masons, your committee report their cordial approbation of the proposition, and beg leave to recommend the adoption of the following resolution—

“*Resolved*, That all Royal Arch Chapters, under the jurisdiction of this Grand Royal Arch Chapter, shall have power to open and hold Chapters of Select Masters, and confer the degree of Select Master Mason on such as they may deem worthy of receiving the same.

All which is respectfully submitted,

ASA CROCKER, BENJAMIN EDES, W. W. SEATON.”

The above report being read, on motion made and seconded, the said report was concurred in.

Companion Keatinge made the following motion, which was unanimously adopted;

Resolved, That all installed Grand Officers, either travelling to Baltimore from Washington, or from Baltimore to Washington, on business appertaining to the Grand Chapter, shall receive, from the funds of the Grand Chapter, the sum of twenty dollars, for the purpose of defraying expenses.

The Grand Chapter proceeded to an election, when the following Companions were elected, viz.—

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| Comps. A. McCORMICK, of Washington..... | <i>Grand High Priest.</i> |
| H. NILES, of Baltimore..... | <i>D. Grand High Priest.</i> |
| GEO. MYERS, of Baltimore..... | <i>Grand King.</i> |
| BENJA. G. ORR, of Washington..... | <i>Grand Scribe.</i> |
| BENJA. EDES, of Baltimore..... | <i>Grand Secretary.</i> |
| JOHN OGSTON, “..... | <i>Grand Treasurer.</i> |

The following appointments were then made:

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| Comps. REV. J. HARGROVE, of Balto..... | <i>Grand Royal Arch Chaplain.</i> |
| HENRY STARR, of Balto..... | <i>Grand Capt. of Host.</i> |
| A. DENMEAD, of Balto..... | <i>Grand Royal Arch Captain.</i> |
| W. O'NEALE, of Washington..... | <i>Grand Royal Arch Marshal.</i> |

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| Comps. J. W. BRASHEARS, of Washington..... | } | <i>Grand Cpts. of Vails.</i> |
| T. HOLLIDAY, of Washington..... | | |
| S. COLE, of Baltimore..... | | |
| H. S. KEATINGE, of Balto | } | <i>Grand Purveyors.</i> |
| BENJ. BURCH, of Washington | | |
| MARMA. DOVE, of Washington..... | | |
| HENRY LUSBY, of Balto | | <i>Grand Pursuivant.</i> |
| | | <i>Grand Janitor.</i> |

The committee appointed to examine the Secretary and Treasurer's books, *Reported*, That they had examined the books of the Secretary and Treasurer, found them to agree, and that the balance on hand, previous to present communication, was \$121.78½; received at this communication, \$155; leaving a balance of \$276.78½.

A bill was received from the Grand Janitor, amounting to \$21.68½, for refreshment and tiling, which was ordered to be paid.

A bill was also received from Companion Benjamin Edes, for printing, and for a record book, amounting to \$21, which was ordered to be paid.

No other business appearing, the Chapter proceeded to install the officers when Companion Alexander McCormick, of Washington, was installed Grand High Priest; Benjamin G. Orr, of Washington, was installed as Grand Scribe, Benjamin Edes was installed Grand Secretary, and John Ogston was installed Grand Treasurer.

The D. Grand High Priest and the Grand King being in Baltimore, Companion P. P. Eckel, P. Grand High Priest was appointed to install them.

No other business appearing, Grand Chapter closed, to meet in Baltimore on the 2nd Monday in November, 1818.

[PHCENIX R. A. CHAPTER, No. 7.

Baltimore City.

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| JACOB SMALL..... | <i>High Priest.</i> |
| GEORGE MEYERS... .. | <i>King.</i> |
| JOS. K. STAPLETON..... | <i>Scribe.</i> |

EARLY MEMBERS.

W. H. Windstandly, Thomas W. Hall, Samuel Keerl, Robert Nelson, Daniel Kraber, William Norris, Jr., Hezekiah Niles, D. G. H. P., Thomas Phenix, George Myers, William H. Freeman, Joseph Robinson, John J. Berry, Edward H. Harris, George G. Presbury, Robert A. Taylor, William Frick, Benjamin C. Howard, Thomas B. Grundy, Hugh Evans, George Riston, Israel D. Maulsby, Isaiah Little, Joseph D. Paul, William H. Lloyd, Richard C. Stockton, William Camp, Howard Sims, William W. Wilson, Robert E. Dorsey, L. W. Stockton, David Henning, C. E. Cook, Samuel P. Busey, A. B. Hanson. Wm. H. Barroll, James Gould, Thomas Palmer, R. D. Burns, James

Howard, Wells Cooper, William Lusby, Charles G. Robb, H. D. G. Carroll, Charles Howard, Samuel Armor, Jr., J. W. Smith, David Barnum, Christian Gross, Thomas J. Barry, George Howard, John Ridgely, Samuel McClellan, John Barney, Seth Sweetzer, Jacob P. Miller, Elisha Tyson, David S. Barnum, W. M. Keirle, Jacob G. Davies, Charles Jessop, Joseph N. Lewis, Jacob F. Decker, William Dove, Thomas D. Laughery, Rev. William E. Wyatt, William O. Niles, Hammond Dugan, John Smart, M. S. Evans, Rev. C. S. Williams, G. C., Edward J. Coale, George Robb, John S. Skinner, William D. Gobrecht, Robert Lemmon, Abel S. Dungan, John Gable.

This Chapter was organized by virtue of a dispensation issued by Deputy Grand High Priest Hezekiah Niles, December, 1816. The records from the time of forming to the present are preserved.

The first entry in the records is that of a meeting of Phoenix Mark Lodge, held December 3rd, 1816, when the degree of Mark Master was conferred upon five Past Masters.

"When Bro. Gleason was pleased to deliver a lecture on this degree and for which the Lodge returned their thanks."*

The next entry is of December 16th, 1816, and is an account of the organization of the Chapter under the dispensation, when the officers as above were installed by Companions Eckel and Niles. A Charter was granted November 11th, 1817.

On April 30th, 1821, articles of agreement were entered into with Cassia Mark Lodge, for its union with the Chapter. The conditions were, that all Royal Arch Masons members of Cassia Mark Lodge, should be elected members of Phoenix Chapter, and "the degree of Royal Arch conferred on all Brethren free of charge who have not received it, who may apply for the same within twelve months."

Eight Companions were balloted for and elected to membership, and twenty for exaltation, among the latter was Benj. C. Howard, subsequently and for many years Grand Master.

In return Cassia Mark Lodge transferred all cash on hand and stock in the Masonic Hall, together with all other property the Lodge possessed, except the books and papers.

A communication was received from Cassia Mark Lodge, May 3rd following, notifying the Chapter that the articles agreed upon by the joint committee were ratified, and that the Lodge was "solemnly dissolved."

* This is supposed to have been Thomas Gleason, the coadjutor of Thomas Smith Webb.

July 23rd, 1823, a committee was appointed to act in conjunction with similar committees from other Chapters to fit up the Chapter rooms in the Masonic Hall, then just finished, \$100 being appropriated as the proportion of the Chapter.

For six years the Chapter had occupied Concordia Lodge Rooms, at a cost of \$25 per annum.

September 24th, 1823. The degrees were conferred upon Bro. David Henning, of Fraternal Lodge, No. 54, Myrtle County, Va.

Phoenix soon became a large and flourishing Chapter, having by the year 1825 a membership of over one hundred. It has had an uninterrupted existence, and is to-day, one of the largest Chapters in the jurisdiction.]

BALTIMORE, *November 9, 1818.*

The Grand Royal Arch Chapter for the State of Maryland and District of Columbia met in the City of Baltimore, in conformity to the Constitution, on Monday the 9th of November, Anno Templi. 2818. There not appearing a full representation, the Grand Royal Arch Chapter adjourned until 6 o'clock this evening.

Monday Evening, 6 o'clock.

The Grand Royal Arch Chapter met pursuant to adjournment, and was opened in proper form.

PRESENT.

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| Comps. ALEX. McCORMICK..... | <i>Grand High Priest.</i> |
| HEZEKIAH NILES..... | <i>D. Grand High Priest.</i> |
| JOHN RHEA..... | <i>Grand King, p. t.</i> |
| JAMES CORDERY..... | <i>Grand Scribe, p. t.</i> |
| BENJAMIN EDES..... | <i>Grand Secretary.</i> |
| JOHN OGSTON..... | <i>Grand Treasurer.</i> |

And other officers.

Chapter No. 1, (Washington,) was represented by Nathaniel Knight, William Steuart and James Cordery, who paid to Grand Treasurer, \$20.

No. 2, by Johannes E. Jackson, Adam Denmead and Oliver Holmes, who paid \$42.

No. 3, (Federal,) by Companions James Young, Daniel Rapine and William Hewitt, who paid \$15.50.

No. 4, (Washington Naval,) by Companion Alex. McCormick, who paid \$14.50.

Concordia No. 5, by Frederick Getz, J. L. Wampler and Silvester Watson, who paid for the present and last year's dues, (including the amount for charter, and the amount for an order drawn by the Treasurer of the Mark Lodge, dated 1816, for Mark Warrant and dues) \$54.

Brooke No. 6, by Companion John Rhea, who paid \$15.

Phoenix No. 7, by Companions George Myers, J. K. Stapleton and William Winstandle, who paid \$22.50.

Potomac Chapter No. 8, acting under dispensation, by Companions J. B. Hammond and John Myers, who paid \$9, as also fifty dollars for charter.

Treasurer Dr. to the above, \$242.50.

The Grand Chapter then appointed the following Committees :

Of Accounts.—Companions John Myers, Daniel Rapine and James Vinson.

Committee of Grievance.—Companions Myers, Windstandley and Getz.

Of Correspondence.—Companions Rapine, Holmes, and Young.

A petition was received from Potomac Chapter, praying that a charter might be granted them, which was referred to a committee of three, viz:—Companions Eckel, Niles and Edes.

A motion was then made for adjournment till to-morrow evening, at 4 o'clock, and the committees required to report at that time, which was carried.

Tuesday evening, 4 o'clock.

The Grand Royal Arch Chapter met pursuant to adjournment. A communication from the Secretary of the Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Vermont, enclosing their Constitution and Regulations, was received by the Grand Scribe and read.

The Committee on Correspondence respectfully report that "no business claiming the attention of the Grand Chapter, has been presented to them." Signed by Companion Oliver Holmes, in behalf of the committee.

The committee to whom was referred the petition of POTOMAC CHAPTER, at Georgetown, (Col.) working under a dispensation from the M. E. High Priest praying that a charter may be granted to them, beg leave to report,

That they have examined the Book of Proceedings of the said Chapter, and are pleased to observe that they appear to be regular and correct. They therefore recommend that a charter may be issued, as prayed for.

All of which is respectfully submitted,

Signed, H. NILES, BENJAMIN EDES.

And on motion—the report of the committee was concurred in.

A motion was made and seconded that the sum of twenty dollars be appropriated to the widow of a deceased Companion, which, after considerable discussion and due deliberation, was decided in the negative.

The Committee of Grievance made the following report, which was accepted :—

The Committee of Grievance report, that no business hath come before them, and are happy to state to the Grand Chapter, that harmony and love prevail throughout the different Subordinate Chapters.

Signed, GEORGE MYERS, W. H. WINSTANDLEY.

The Committee of Accounts made the following report, which was concurred in :—

The Committee of Accounts beg leave to report, that they have examined the Treasurer's accounts, and find them correctly stated. The balance at present in his hands, exclusive of the present communication, is \$187.85.

Signed, DANIEL RAPINE, JAMES VINSON, JOHN MYERS.

A bill was received from the Grand Tyler for refreshments, amounting to \$18.64, also a bill of \$5, for tiling, which was ordered to be paid.

A bill was received from Companion Edes, for printing minutes, and for two day's services, amounting to \$23.75, which was ordered to be paid.

Twenty dollars was ordered to be paid to the Grand High Priest for travelling expenses.

On motion, made and seconded,

Resolved, That that part of the constitution which fixes the meeting of this Chapter, shall be altered as follows:—

The annual meeting at Baltimore, shall be held as heretofore, on the second Monday of November, and that at Washington City, on the second Tuesday of January, alternately; and that all parts of the constitution repugnant hereto, be construed as according herewith, which was unanimously adopted.

The Grand Chapter proceeded to an election, when the following Companions were elected, viz:—

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| Comps. H. NILES, of Baltimore..... | <i>Grand High Priest.</i> |
| JOHN RHEA, of Tennessee*..... | <i>D. Grand High Priest.</i> |
| GEORGE MYERS, of Baltimore..... | <i>Grand King.</i> |
| BENJA. G. ORR, of Washington..... | <i>Grand Scribe.</i> |
| BENJA. EDES, of Baltimore..... | <i>Grand Secretary.</i> |
| JOHN OGSTON, "..... | <i>Grand Treasurer.</i> |

The following appointments were then made:

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| Comps. A. T. McCORMICK, of Washington..... | <i>Grand Chaplain.</i> |
| THOS. HOLLIDAY, "..... | <i>Grand Capt. of Host.</i> |
| FREDERICK GETZ, of Baltimore... . | <i>Grand Royal Arch Captain.</i> |
| D. KURTZ, of Georgetown..... | <i>Grand Royal Arch Marshal.</i> |
| SAMUEL COLE, of Baltimore..... | } <i>Grand Capt. of Vails.</i> |
| DANIEL RAPINE, of Washington..... | |
| J. W. BRASHEARS, "..... | } <i>Grand Purveyors.</i> |
| H. S. KEATINGE, of Baltimore..... | |
| BENJA. BURCH, of Washington..... | } <i>Grand Pursuivant.</i> |
| MARMADUKE DOVE, of Washington..... | |
| BARNARD PARSONS, of Washington..... | <i>Grand Janitor.</i> |

The Chapter then proceeded to install the officers, when Companion H. Niles, of Baltimore, was installed Grand High Priest.—John Rhea, of Tennessee, D. Grand High Priest.—George Myers, of Baltimore, Grand King.—Benjamin Edes, of Baltimore, Grand Secretary, and John Ogston, of Baltimore, Grand Treasurer.

Companion A. T. McCormick, D. Grand High Priest, was authorized to install Companion Orr as Grand Scribe.

Companion John P. Hammett, P. High Priest and High Priest elect, of Potomac Chapter No. 8, was installed and authorized to install the other officers of his Chapter.

Resolved, That the thanks of the Chapter be presented to Companion Alexander McCormick, P. Grand High Priest, for the faithful and able manner in which he fulfilled the duties of his office, which was carried unanimously.

No other business appearing, the Grand Royal Arch Chapter was then properly closed, to meet in the City of Washington on the second Tuesday in January, 1820.

BENJAMIN EDES, *Grand Royal Arch Secretary.*

* Companion Rhea was a member of Brooke Chapter, Alexandria, Va., although residing in Tennessee, being a representative from that State in Congress.

POTOMAC CHAPTER, No. 8.

*Georgetown, District of Columbia.*JOHN P. HAMMETT.....*High Priest.*JOHN MYERS.....*King.*DANIEL KURTZ.....*Scribe.*

EARLY MEMBERS.

James C. King, James Gettys, Thomas Wilson, James Mann, Ninian Beall, Thomas Corcoran, Jr., George A. Adams, George W. Haller, William Hayman, Edward Deesle, Henry Pyfer, Henry B. Robertson, James Greer, John Adams, Jr., Henry W. Tilley, James C. Magee, Isaac Bartlett, Henry G. Wilson.

As has been stated on page 19, *ante*, this Chapter claims to have been originally formed in 1780, as St. Andrew's Chapter attached to the Lodge of that name.

Potomac Chapter assisted in the re-organization of the Grand Chapter of Maryland and District of Columbia in 1807, but not in the re-organization of 1814.

But November 9th, 1818, it petitioned for and received a Charter (of recognition) as POTOMAC, No. 8.

Although it participated in the preliminary organizations of the Grand Chapter of the District of Columbia in 1824 and 1867, in both cases it elected to remain with the Grand Chapter of Maryland, and continued uninterruptedly under the jurisdiction of the latter until 1869, when recognition was extended to the Grand Chapter of the District.

It is a somewhat notable coincidence that in both preliminary organizations of the Grand Chapter of the District, a member of Potomac was elected Grand Scribe, both of whom declined to be installed.

As stated in 1869, it withdrew from Maryland and became a constituent of the Grand Chapter of the District, and is to-day active and thriving as Potomac Chapter, No. 8.]

WASHINGTON, TUESDAY EVENING, Jan. 11, 1820.

The Grand Royal Arch Chapter, for the State of Maryland and District of Columbia, met in the City of Washington in conformity to the Constitution, on Tuesday, the 11th of January, Anno Templic, 2820.

PRESENT.

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| HEZEKIAH NILES..... | <i>Grand High Priest.</i> |
| JOHN RHEA..... | <i>D. Grand High Priest.</i> |
| GEORGE MYERS..... | <i>Grand King.</i> |
| A. MCCORMICK, P. G. H. P..... | <i>Grand Scribe, p. t.</i> |
| BENJAMIN EDES..... | <i>Grand Secretary.</i> |
| JOHN OGSTON..... | <i>Grand Treasurer.</i> |
| G. WHEELWRIGHT..... | <i>Grand Captain of Host, p. t.</i> |
| FREDERICK GETZ..... | <i>Grand Royal Arch Chaplain.</i> |
| C. G. PETERS..... | <i>P. Sojourner, p. t.</i> |
| D. KURTZ..... | } <i>Grand Captain of Vails.</i> |
| S. H. MOORE..... | |
| EPHRAIM BARKER..... | |
| MARMADUKE DOVE..... | <i>Grand Pursuivant.</i> |
| DANIEL FAGAN..... | <i>Grand Janitor.</i> |

(Washington) Chapter No. 1, was represented by Companion C. G. Peters, who paid \$18.50.

Chapter No. 2, was represented by Companions J. E. Jackson, Ephraim Barker and George Wheelwright, who paid \$44.00.

(Federal) Chapter No. 3, was represented by Companions Wm. W. Seaton, Alex. McCormick, Harvey Bestor, Wm. Lambert and John Frank, who paid \$15.50.

Washington Naval Chapter, No. 4, was represented by Companions Howard, R. M. Desha, John B. Forrest, Edward W. Clark and Marmaduke Dove, who paid \$22.00.

Concordia R. A. Chapter, No. 5, was represented by Companions F. Getz and Peter Little, who paid \$30.50.

Brooke R. A. Chapter, No. 6, was represented by John B. Hammett, Thomas Symms and Thomas Towers, who paid \$16.00.

Phoenix, No. 7, was represented by Companions J. K. Stapleton and Stephen H. Moore, who paid \$17.00.

Potomac Chapter, No. 8, was represented by Companions Kurtz, King and Gettys, who paid \$17.50.

The Committee of Correspondence respectfully report; that no communications have been presented to them which claim the attention of the Grand Chapter.

Signed, J. E. JACKSON, *Chairman of Committee.*

The Committee of Grievances appointed by the Grand Chapter of the State of Maryland and District of Columbia, have considered the proceedings of Potomac Chapter, No. 8, and recommend to the Grand Chapter that the said proceedings be approved of and confirmed, which was concurred in.

Signed by

WM. LAMBERT, J. K. STAPLETON, G. W. CANLEY.

The Committee appointed on new Chapters and Mark Lodges, beg leave to report:—

That on the 1st day of December, A. T. 2818, a dispensation was granted by the Grand High Priest, to a sufficient number of Companions to hold a Chapter of Royal Arch Masons, in the town of Denton, Maryland; and that the Companions named in said dispensation, have proceeded to work so far as to confer the degree of Mark Master Mason.

They now plead their inability on the account of the scarcity of money, &c., to support a Chapter, and pray this Grand Chapter to refund the money paid for their dispensation, which they have now returned. Your Committee are of opinion, that unless some satisfactory reasons are given, the prayer of the petitioners ought not to be granted; but that the Grand Secretary be directed to issue them a warrant if demanded before the next meeting of this Grand Chapter. (Concurred in.)

Your Committee also beg leave to report—That Columbia Mark Lodge working under dispensation, has preferred a petition for a charter, accompanied with a copy of their proceedings and by-laws, which your Committee have examined and find conformable to the rules of this Grand Chapter. They therefore recommend that a charter be granted.

Your Committee have also had presented to them, a communication from *St. John's Chapter*, working under dispensation at Salisbury, Maryland; stating their inability to cause their Chapter to be represented in this Grand Chapter at its present communication, and praying that their dispensation may be continued until the next meeting of this Grand Chapter, when they will appear duly represented and pay their dues. Your Committee recommend that their petition be granted.*

Your Committee beg leave further to report—That a dispensation was granted by the M. E. Grand High Priest, July 8, 1819, to a sufficient number of Brethren, to hold a Mark Lodge to be attached to Warren Lodge, No. 51, Baltimore; and that said Lodge has neglected to make a return of their proceedings to this Grand Lodge; but your Committee conceiving that their neglect has arisen from a misapprehension of the duties devolving upon them, recommend that their dispensation be continued for one month, and if the members of said Mark Lodge shall within that time apply to the Grand Secretary for a charter, he shall issue the same, otherwise they be debarred from any further benefit of their dispensation.

On motion, the foregoing report was concurred in.

A petition was received from Samuel Webster, praying exaltation, which upon motion,

Resolved—That the petitioner have the liberty of withdrawing his petition, and that he be recommended to refer it to Chapter No. 3, or any other Chapter which he may deem most convenient.

On motion: *Resolved*—That the Grand Chapter now adjourn until tomorrow evening, at 5 o'clock.

Wednesday Evening, 5 o'clock.

Agreeable to adjournment, the Grand Royal Arch Chapter met and proceeded to business.

On motion of Companion J. E. Jackson,

Resolved—That the abstract of calculations to ascertain the longitude of the Capitol, presented to the Grand Royal Arch Chapter by our Companion Wm. Lambert, be preserved among the papers of the Chapter, and that the Grand Secretary be requested to present the thanks of the Grand Chapter to Companion Lambert, for his kindness in presenting the above copy to this Grand Chapter.†

*There is nothing in the records to show that a charter was ever issued for this Chapter.

†Andrew Ellicott, of Maryland, was employed by Washington during the first year of his Presidency, to survey and lay out the City of Washington; he established the latitude, but not the longitude. April 3rd, 1821, a joint resolution was passed by both Houses of Congress, authorizing the President to cause astronomical observations to be made to insure a correct determination of the longitude of the Capital, with the view for the establishment of a first meridian for the United States. In pursuance of which President Monroe selected William Lambert, a noted mathematician of his day, to make such

On motion: *Resolved*—That this Grand Chapter will grant to the Mark Master Masons of Fredericktown, a charter; and that the Secretary cause the same to be furnished them on payment of the necessary prerequisites.

Companion J. E. Jackson, submitted the following:—Whereas several Chapters working under the jurisdiction of this Grand Chapter, do consider it obligatory to confer two degrees, to wit; Royal Master and Noah's Ark, previous to exalting to the degree of Royal Arch: and whereas the two degrees above alluded to are very imperfectly understood; therefore,

Resolved—That the Chapters working under the jurisdiction of this Grand Chapter may at their discretion *omit* conferring the two said degrees previous to exalting to the degrees of Royal Arch.

On motion by Companion Edes.

Resolved—That a Committee of three be appointed to invest all surplus moneys in the hands of the Grand Treasurer in such funds as may by them be deemed most safe, provided such stock yields a per centum equal to 6 per cent. per annum, which was unanimously carried; and Companions Jackson, Seaton and Stapleton, were appointed a Committee for that purpose.

The Grand Chapter proceeded to elect officers, when the following were elected:

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| Comps. H. NILES, of Baltimore..... | <i>Grand High Priest.</i> |
| JOHN RHEA, of Tennessee..... | <i>D. Grand High Priest.</i> |
| GEORGE MYERS, of Baltimore..... | <i>Grand King.</i> |
| BENJAMIN G. ORR, of Washington..... | <i>Grand Scribe.</i> |
| BENJAMIN EDES, of Baltimore..... | <i>Grand Secretary.</i> |
| JOHN OGSTON, of Baltimore..... | <i>Grand Treasurer.</i> |

The following appointments were then made:

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| Comps. A. T. MCCORMICK, of Washington.... | <i>Grand Chaplain.</i> |
| THOMAS HOLLIDAY, of Washington.... | <i>G. Capt. of Hosts.</i> |
| FREDERICK GETZ, of Baltimore.. | <i>G. Royal Arch Captain.</i> |
| D. KURTZ, of Georgetown..... | <i>G. Royal Arch Marshal.</i> |
| SAMUEL COLE, of Baltimore..... | } <i>G. Capt. of Vails.</i> |
| DANIEL RAPINE, of Washington.... | |
| WM. O'NEILL, of Washington..... | } <i>G. Purveyors.</i> |
| H. S. KEATINGE, of Baltimore..... | |
| BENJAMIN BURCH, of Washington..... | <i>G. Pursuivant.</i> |
| MARMADUKE DOVE, of Washington..... | <i>G. Pursuivant.</i> |
| HENRY LUSBY, of Baltimore..... | <i>G. Janitor.</i> |

The Chapter then proceeded to install the officers, when Companion H. Niles, of Baltimore, was installed Grand High Priest.—John Rhea, of Tennessee, Deputy Grand Priest.—George Myers, of Baltimore, Grand King.—Benjamin Edes, of Baltimore, Grand Secretary, and John Ogston, of Baltimore, Grand Treasurer.

No other business appearing, the Grand Royal Arch Chapter was then properly closed, to meet in the City of Baltimore, on the second Tuesday in November, 1820. BENJAMIN EDES, *Grand Royal Arch Secretary.*

observations. A report containing his calculations was submitted by Lambert to Congress January 8th, 1822, and it was a copy of this report that was presented to the Grand Chapter, but it is not now among the archives. Comp. C. F. Sheckell, of Georgetown, has a copy, also a supplementary report made by Lambert to Congress, December 23rd, 1823, bound in one volume.

Comp. William Lambert was a native of Virginia, but resided for many years in Washington. He was a member and High Priest of Federal Chapter, No. 3, and was the President of the Convention that organized the Grand Chapter of the District of Columbia, in 1824, and was elected first Grand High Priest, holding the position two years. E. T. S.

BALTIMORE, TUESDAY, *Nov. 14, ANNO TEMPLI, 2820.*

The Grand Royal Arch Chapter for the State of Maryland and District of Columbia, met in the City of Baltimore, in conformity to the Constitution, on Tuesday, the 14th day of November, Anno Templi, 2820.

PRESENT.

Comps. H. NILES..... *Grand High Priest.*
 J. E. JACKSON..... *D. Grand High Priest, p. t.*
 J. K. STAPLETON.. *Grand King, p. t.*
 N. BLASDALE..... *Grand Scribe.*
 BENJAMIN EDES..... *Grand Secretary.*
 JOHN OGSTON..... *Grand Treasurer.*

Other officers and members.

(Washington) Chapter, No. 1, was represented by Companions C. G. Peters, William Steuart and James Vinson, who paid \$11.50.

Chapter No. 2, by Companions Ephraim Barker, Wm. Ball and John S. Tyson, who paid \$52.50.

(Federal) Chapter, No. 3, by Companion Joseph Ingle, who paid \$18.00.

Washington Naval Chapter, No. 4, by Companions R. M. Desha and Robert E. Searcy, who paid \$19.50.

Concordia Chapter, No. 5, by Companions F. Getz, Geo. Keyser and Richard McCubbin, who paid \$34.50.

Brooke Chapter, No. 6, by Companion Nicholas Blasdale, who paid \$19.50.

Phoenix Chapter, No. 7, by Companions J. K. Stapleton, Thomas Phenix and Wm. H. Freeman, who paid \$11.50.

Potomac Chapter, No. 8, by Companions Daniel Kurtz, James C. King and James Gettys, who paid \$14.00.

Jerusalem Chapter, No. 9, by Companions Wheelwright, Readell and Miller, who paid \$20.50. Total, \$201.50.

Received for Dispensation from Companion Crocker, \$50.00.

From Door to Virtue Mark Lodge, for Warrant, \$18.00.

Interest on four hundred and fifty dollars, \$13.50.

From Warren Mark Lodge, \$18.00.

Treasurer Debtor to the above, \$301.00.

The Grand High Priest then appointed the following committees:—

Of Accounts—Companions Stapleton, Searcy and Getz.

Of Correspondence—Companions Jackson, Eckel and Desha.

Of Grievance—Companions Ingle, Wheelwright and Phenix.

Of New Chapters and Mark Lodges—Companions Barker, Eckel and Keyser.

The Grand Chapter adjourned until this evening at 6 o'clock.

Tuesday Evening, Nov. 14.

The Committee on New Chapters and Mark Lodges beg leave to report, in part:—

“That they have examined the proceedings of JERUSALEM CHAPTER, which has been working under Dispensation, and finding them correct, and a due return of their members made, recommend that a Charter be granted said Chapter, agreeably to its petition.”

E. BARKER, P. P. ECKEL, GEO. KEYSER, *Committee.*

A communication was received from Enoch Chapter, at Fredericktown, working under Dispensation, praying a Charter. Referred to the Committee on New Chapters and Mark Lodges.

The Committee appointed at the last Grand Communication, to invest the funds of the Grand Chapter, reported:—

"That unavoidably some short time elapsed after their appointment, before the funds were invested, owing chiefly to the difficulty of doing so in a way satisfactory to the Committee; at length, however, the money was placed, for a given time, on an interest of six per cent. but that time having expired, the principal and interest have reverted to the treasury of the Grand Chapter.

"The Committee beg leave to state, that they were not anxious to invest the funds in a more permanent way, on account, (as before stated) of the great difficulty of doing so at the time of their appointment; but they are happy now to have it in their power to state that an opportunity presents itself for the Chapter to invest its funds permanently, safely, and profitably; and your Committee hope it will not be considered a departure from their duty by recommending the following resolution:—

"*Resolved*—That the Treasurer be instructed, and he is hereby authorized to invest the sum of six hundred dollars of the funds of this Chapter in the stock of the Masonic Hall, now erecting in this city—and to hold the same subject to the control of this G. R. A. C." Adopted.

Companion Phenix offered the following resolution:—

"*Resolved*—That a Committee be appointed to inquire if any, or what regulations are necessary for the government of Mark Lodges, and Lodges of Select Masons, working under authority from this Grand Royal Arch Chapter." Subsequently referred to the Grand Officers.

The Grand Chapter then adjourned until to-morrow evening, at 3 o'clock.

Wednesday Evening, Nov. 15, 1820.

A subscription list was received from Companions R. M. Desha and R. E. Searcy, soliciting contributions for building a Lodge Room and School-house, near the navy yard, Washington, which was read, and ordered to be noticed in the minutes.

On motion, it was

"*Resolved*—That a Committee of three be, and they are hereby authorized to confer with the Building Committee of the Masonic Hall, in the City of Baltimore, requesting them to appropriate a room for the accommodation of the General Grand Chapter, and also for the accommodation of the Subordinate Chapters in the City of Baltimore."

On motion of Companion Stapleton,

"*Resolved*—That the Grand Treasurer be, and he is hereby directed to pay over to Companion Desha, forty dollars, as a donation to the Companions at the navy yard, for the purpose of aiding them in the erection of their Masonic building."

The Committee on New Chapters and Mark Lodges offered the following:

"*Resolved*—That the prayer of the petition of *Enoch Chapter* for a Charter, under existing circumstances, be not granted; and that said Chapter be required to suspend all further proceedings; *provided* nevertheless, that if said Enoch Chapter shall, during the recess of the Grand Chapter, forward to the Grand Secretary a record of all their proceedings, together with a regular return of all their members, and the dispensation under which they have been working, and pay to the Grand Treasurer their dues; their proceedings being approved by the D. G. High Priest, Grand Secretary, and High Priest of Chapter No. 1, then, and in that case, said Enoch Chapter shall be entitled to receive a Charter; and the Grand Secretary is required in that case to furnish it forthwith, on receipt of his regular fees.

"Your Committee beg leave further to report the following resolution:

Resolved—That the prayer of Door to Virtue Mark Lodge, for an extension of its dispensation, (being urged with good and sufficient reasons) be granted—and that said dispensation be extended to the next stated communication of this Grand Chapter. And be it further *resolved*, that the Grand Secretary furnish Enoch Chapter and Door to Virtue Mark Lodge respectively with a copy of the resolutions of this Grand Chapter upon their applications.”

On motion, resolved unanimously,

“That the thanks of this G. R. A. C. be presented to Companion H. Niles, for the able and diligent manner with which he has discharged the duties of the office of Grand High Priest.”

The Grand Chapter proceeded to the election of officers; when the following Companions were elected, viz:—

Comps. DANIEL KURTZ, of Georgetown..... *Grand High Priest.*
 J. E. JACKSON, of Baltimore. *D. Grand High Priest.*..
 WM. W. SEATON, of Washington..... *Grand King.*
 J. K. STAPLETON, of Baltimore..... *Grand Scribe.*
 BENJAMIN EDES, of Baltimore..... *Grand Secretary.*
 JOHN OGSTON, of Baltimore..... *Grand Treasurer.*

On motion: “*Resolved*—That the installation of the officers elect of this G. R. A. C. be referred to Companion H. Niles, and that he be requested to attend to the same as soon as it suits his convenience.”

The Grand Chapter then adjourned to meet in the City of Washington, on the second Tuesday in January, 1822.

BENJAMIN EDES, *G. R. A. Sec.*

JERUSALEM R. A. CHAPTER, No. 9.

Baltimore City.

GEORGE WHEELWRIGHT *High Priest.*
 JOHN D. READEL, M. D *King.*
 JOHN D. MILLER..... *Scribe.*

EARLY MEMBERS.

John Cator, Robert Benson, Asa Crocker, William Harris, Elijah Stansbury, James Bigford, Walter Ball, Charles R. Hardesty, John H. Dorsey, James Corrie, George W. Baxley, Francis Burns, Henry Vicary, Chris. Medinger, S. M. Reese, W. W. Waite, Charles Kernan, John Gill, John Huzza, William Bundle, George Craft, Thomas Cronmiller, Robert Chambers, John C. Cork, Philip Uhlen, Charles Fisher, Bryson Gill, Henry Hilbert, John Johnson, Isaac Marrow, Gotlieb Medinger, Samuel Mass, Samuel Neville, John L. Schultz, Edward Spedden, Edward Talbot, John Wright, William W. Hyte, Joseph Ireland, George Kaylor, James A. Lebranthwait, Samuel F. Mallison, C. Louderman, George Painter, James Seed, P. Trainque, Robert White, John Potter, H. A. Patterson.

The first meeting of this Chapter under a dispensation issued by Grand High Priest Hezekiah Niles, was held at Concordia Lodge room, May 17th, 1820, where the meetings were held until the completion of the Masonic Hall, St. Paul Street, in 1822. November 14th of the same year a Charter was granted by the Grand Chapter, and December 16th the officers as above were installed by Comp. Jos. K. Stapleton, General Grand Scribe. A number of visiting companions were present by invitation and partook of refreshments at the expense of the Chapter.

The Chapter at once entered upon a prosperous existence, nothing occurring to mar its peace and harmony until the year 1848, when a Companion was elected High Priest upon whom the Council of High Priests declined to confer the Order of Priesthood.

The Chapter held another election when the same companion was again elected and again the Council declined to confer the Order upon him; this was repeated to the fourth time and with the same result. In consequence of which much bitterness of feeling appears to have been engendered attended with contentions among the membership, resulting finally in the surrender of the Charter.

This action was had at a meeting at which but eight members were present, and as it was represented that the surrendering of the Charter was not sanctioned by a large portion of the members, a resolution was adopted by the Grand Chapter Nov. 12th, 1850, to the effect, that whenever nine or more Royal Arch Masons, a majority of whom shall have been members of Jerusalem Chapter shall distinctly avow that they disapprove of the conduct of those who surrendered the Charter shall apply to the Grand High Priest by petition that they are desirous of resuming labor, he was authorized to deliver to them the Charter with all the privileges enjoyed previously by the Chapter. Accordingly Comps. John D. Readell, Chapin A. Harris, Charles R. Hardesty, Joseph Stine, George M. Lamb, Enoch S. Courtney, John W. Ball, Walter Crook, Jr., Rev. J. N. McJilton, James M. Anderson, Francis Burns and Joseph Harris, most of whom were members of the Chapter, applied for and received the Charter, and on May 27th, 1851, the Chapter was re-organized, Comp. E. S. Courtenay being elected High Priest.

The celebration of the fiftieth anniversary of the formation of the Chapter was held at Masonic Temple, May 15th, 1870. Not only was Jerusalem Chapter well represented but delegations from the sister Chapters of the jurisdiction, and

the Grand Officers participated in the festivities incident to the occasion. An elegant banquet was held in Corinthian Hall, the tables being placed in a triangular form, beautifully decorated with flowers and tastefully embellished with the emblems of the Order, under the direction of the following committee of arrangements: Chas. F. Achey, E. B. Royston and Alvin Robertson assisted by the artists, Comps. A. D. Emmart and Arthur Quartley.

Comp. Charles F. Achey, High Priest of the Chapter, presided, and Comp. Jas. H. Butler, M. D., in his official capacity as Master of Ceremonies read the following toasts:

"I. The day we celebrate, united in the bonds of love, charity and truth, we hail with gladness the advent of our semi-centennial anniversary."

To which Comp. Hermon L. Emmons, Jr., Past High Priest made a very appropriate response in which he gave a brief synopsis of the history of the Chapter, concluding with the following poem, composed by himself for the occasion:

"Long years have passed since last was heard within our Chapter's walls
The voices of its founders, as responsive to its calls
They thronged about its altar, while Hope threw her spangled bow
Around them as a halo bright, some fifty years ago.

"They form the mystic circle, and their holy faith to seal,
Hand linked to hand, soul joined to soul, with one accord they kneel,
And breathe a prayer to God above in accents sweet and low,
That to His throne like incense rose, some fifty years ago.

"The gavel's echoing sound is heard, the suppliant knees unbend;
How soon and well the work is done where joy and duty blend!
And thus these worthy craftsmen toiled, with hearts that all aglow
With friendship and fraternal love beat fifty years ago.

"To worldlings ever guarded, to their brethren staunch and leal,
They served their time with freedom, aye, with fervency and zeal;
And as we judge men by their deeds, 'tis thus we surely know
That these were upright Masons who wrought fifty years ago.

"They fought life's battle bravely; from its toils have now surcease;
They have changed Earth's stormy trials for Heaven's eternal peace.
We'll softly tread where mournfully the willows to and fro
Swing o'er the graves of those who wrought some fifty years ago.

"Then till Death's dark evangel shall touch us with his wing,
Green be their memory in our hearts, loud let their praises ring;
We'll fill our goblets to the brim, aye, till they overflow,
And drink to those who wrought so well just fifty years ago."

"II. The memory of the Charter Members and the dead Companions of Jerusalem Royal Arch Chapter, No. 9. Gone! but not forgotten; they have passed through the vale separating Time from Eternity, and have been received by the Supreme High Priest of the Universe. May we so live

and act that when our regularly wrought hours of labor are over here below, we, like them, may present our hearts as living stones for that spiritual building, that house not made with hands, eternal in the heavens.

“Drank standing, and in silence.

“III. The Grand Royal Arch Chapter of the State of Maryland—our foster mother. May her children ever prove worthy of her true Masonic care.

“Responded to by Edward T. Schultz, Past High Priest of No. 9, and Deputy Grand High Priest.

“IV. The Past Grand High Priests of the State of Maryland! Noble exemplars of a noble work; their teachings shall guide and direct our future lives, until time with its changes shall be no more.

“Responded to by George L. McCahan, High Priest of No. 1, and Grand King.

“V. Blue Masonry! The ancient corner-stone of our Order. Sprung from the Earth, every stone of its superstructure is quarried from the gratitude of humanity, until its pinnacle, reaching the skies, loses itself amid the stars of Heaven.

“Responded to by George A. Hanson, Past High Priest of No. 23, and Past Grand King.

“VI. Washington! His life beautifully exemplifying the three great pillars of our Order,—Wisdom, Strength and Beauty.

“Responded to by Charles Frederick Percivall, of No. 9.

“VII. Our wives, daughters and loved ones! We acknowledge, receive and accept them as the last and best gift of God to man! The true woman—

“Remember, whenever your goblet is crowned,
Through this world whether Eastward or Westward you roam,
When a cup to the smile of dear woman goes round,
Oh remember the smile which adorns her at home.

“Responded to by Ferdinand J. S. Gorgas, Scribe of No. 9.

“VIII. Our Sister Chapters! Distinguished in deeds of friendship and brotherly love, may they emulate the labors of the ‘three’ who worked with their brethren without fee or reward, and ever remain as now, scarlet flowers in the wreath of Capitular Masonry.

‘Responded to by James W. Bowers, High Priest of No. 21, and Grand Lecturer.

“IX. Charity!—the fundamental principle of our Order! Without Charity we are as nothing. The highest, firmest, and strongest round in the Masonic ladder which stretches from Earth to Heaven.

“Responded to by Edmund R. Eschbach, Chaplain of No. 9, and Grand Chaplain.”

To use the language of Past High Priest Emmons in his address, “Jerusalem Chapter has had its successes and reverses. There have been times when its life flashed out so brightly that it dimmed the light shed by its compeers, and times when it appeared so utterly pulseless and dead that its very name seemed but a memory; but that blessing which was invoked when the first stone of its Temple was laid (To The Glory of the Grand Architect of the Universe, the first sentence inscribed on the record,) has been with it through good report and through evil report.”

It is the third largest Chapter in the jurisdiction, having on its return Nov., 1886, 154 members. The following of its membership have held the position of Grand High Priest viz: Enoch S. Courtney, John N. McJilton, Hermou L. Emmons, Charles F. Achey, F. J. S. Gorgas, William F. Cochran and Columbus C. Isaacs.]

WASHINGTON, TUESDAY, Jan. 8th, 1822.

The Grand Holy Royal Arch Chapter for the State of Maryland and District of Columbia, met in the City of Washington in conformity to the Constitution, on Tuesday, the 8th day of January, 1822:—

PRESENT.

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| Comps. DANIEL KURTZ..... | <i>Grand High Priest.</i> |
| J. E. JACKSON..... | <i>D. Grand High Priest.</i> |
| WM. W. SEATON..... | <i>Grand King.</i> |
| J. K. STAPLETON..... | <i>Grand Scribe.</i> |
| BENJAMIN EDES..... | <i>Grand Secretary.</i> |
| JOHN OGSTON..... | <i>Grand Treasurer.</i> |
| NICH. BLASDALE..... | <i>G. Capt. of Host.</i> |

Other officers and members.

(Washington) Chapter, No. 1, was represented by C. G. Peters, who paid \$13.00.

Chapter No. 2, by H. Niles, who paid \$46.00.

(Federal) Chapter, No. 3, by H. Bestor, William Lambert and Wm. Duncan, \$14.00.

Washington Naval Chapter, No. 4, by N. Warren, Marmaduke Dove, Wm. Easby, Robert Searcy and J. Pic, \$17.00.

Concordia Chapter, No. 5, by George Keyser, F. Getz and Wm. Baer, \$28.50.

Brooke Chapter, No. 6, by Grafton Cawood, Nicholas Blasdale, and A. P. Gilpin, \$16.50.

Phoenix Chapter No. 7, by Thomas Phenix, Samuel Keerl and Jacob Small, \$39.00.

Potomac Chapter, No. 8, by James King, James Gettys, Thomas Wilson, John Myers, James Mairn, \$20.00.

Jerusalem Chapter, No. 9, by John D. Readel and Asa Crocker, \$37.00.

Enoch Chapter No. 10, *no return*.

Received for interest on 24 shares of Masonic Stock, \$37.50.

For Charter from Enoch Chapter, \$50.00.

Treasurer Dr. to the above, \$308.50.

"The Committee of Correspondence respectfully report, that there are no documents exhibited to them that claim the attention of the Grand Chapter.

Signed by

THOMAS PHENIX, W. LAMBERT, JOHN B. HAMMETT."

The Committee on new Chapters and Mark Lodges, reported :

"That having examined the proceedings of MOUNT MORIAH MARK LODGE, held at Hagerstown, in the State of Maryland, they beg leave to recommend that a Charter for said Lodge shall issue and be placed in the hands of the M. E. G. H. P. who informs us that he is authorized to pay the moneys that may be due therefor."

Companion Keyser offered the following resolution :

Resolved, That a Committee of three be appointed to inquire if any, and what regulations are necessary for the government of Mark Lodges working under authority from this G. R. A. Chapter, and report the same at the next annual meeting of the G. R. A. Chapter, and that the Grand Officers be discharged from the further consideration of this subject. Carried in the affirmative, and the G. H. P. appointed Companions Keyser, Niles and Phenix, as the Committee.

The Grand Secretary reported—That ENOCH CHAPTER, No. 10, during the recess of the Grand Chapter, forwarded a record of their proceedings, together with a regular return of their members, and the dispensation under which they had been working, and have paid to the Grand Treasurer Fifty Dollars; the Grand Secretary accordingly forwarded them a Charter.

Companion Niles submitted the following :

Resolved, That the 9th Section of the 1st Art. be so amended as to read, the Grand High Priest, D. Grand High Priest, Grand King and Grand Scribe, shall have the power, &c., to grant dispensations, &c., and perform the various duties of Grand Officers. Carried in the affirmative, *unanimously*.

The Grand Chapter proceeded to the election of officers; when the following Companions were elected, viz:

Comps. DANIEL KURTZ, of Georgetown..... *Grand High Priest*.
J. E. JACKSON, of Baltimore..... *D. Grand High Priest*.
WM. W. SEATON, of Washington..... *Grand King*.
J. K. STAPLETON, of Baltimore..... *Grand Scribe*.
BENJAMIN EDES, of Baltimore..... *Grand Secretary*.
JOHN OGSTON, of Baltimore..... *Grand Treasurer*.

APPOINTMENTS.

Comps. REV. JOHN HARGROVE, of Baltimore. .. *Grand Chaplain*.
N. BLASDALE, of Alexandria..... *G. Capt. of Host*.
FREDERICK GETZ, of Baltimore.... *G. Royal Arch Capt*.
JAMES GETTYS, of Georgetown.. *G. Royal Arch Marshal*.
JOHN D. READEL, of Baltimore..... }
JAMES KING, of Georgetown..... } *G. Capt. of Vails*.
HARVEY BESTOR, of Washington... }
E. BARKER, of Baltimore. *Prin. Sojourner*.
GEORGE KEYSER, of Baltimore..... } *G. Purveyors*.
THOMAS HOWARD, of Washington..... }
ASA CROCKER, of Baltimore..... *G. Pursuivant*.
HENRY LUSBY, of Baltimore..... *G. Janitor*.

INSPECTORS OF CHAPTERS AND MARK LODGES.

Comps. George Keyser, Thomas Phenix, Baltimore. Doc. Jacob Baer, Wm. P. Farquhar, Frederick County. O. H. Williams, Washington County. William Done, Somerset. John Myers, Georgetown, District of Columbia. Jno. B. Hammett, Alexandria, District of Columbia.

The Chapter then adjourned until 10 o'clock, Wednesday morning.

Wednesday, January 9, 1822.

The Grand Royal Arch Chapter met pursuant to adjournment, and proceeded to business.

Companion Niles submitted the following:

Resolved, As the opinion of this Grand Chapter, that no Companion is eligible to the office of Deputy Grand High Priest, Grand King, or Grand Scribe, unless he has received the Order of the Priesthood. And be it further *resolved*, that no Companion shall be elected to either of the above named offices, unless qualified as aforesaid. Carried unanimously.

On motion of Companion Samuel Keerl:

Resolved, That there be appointed at the present Grand Communication, and at all future Grand Communications of the G. H. R. A. Chapter, by the G. H. P. and D. G. H. P. who shall prescribe the limits, powers and duties of the same, a suitable number of local inspectors, to examine into and report in writing to the annual meeting of the Grand Chapter, the condition and mode of working in the several Chapters and Mark Lodges, chartered under the authority of this Grand Chapter.

Companion Daniel Kurtz was properly installed as G. H. Priest.—J. E. Jackson, Dep. G. H. P.—Wm. W. Seaton, G. K.—Joseph K. Stapleton, G. Scribe.—Benjamin Edes, G. Secretary, and John Ogston, G. Treasurer.

The Grand Royal Arch Chapter was then properly closed, to meet in the City of Baltimore, on the second Monday in November, 1822.

BENJAMIN EDES, *G. R. A. Sec.*

BALTIMORE, Nov. 11, 1822.

The Grand Holy Royal Arch Chapter for the State of Maryland and District of Columbia, met in the City of Baltimore, on Monday, the 11th day of November, 1822, according to the Constitution.

PRESENT.

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| Comps. J. E. JACKSON..... | <i>D. Grand High Priest.</i> |
| GEORGE KEYSER..... | <i>Grand King, p. t.</i> |
| C. G. PETERS..... | <i>Grand Scribe, p. t.</i> |
| BENJAMIN EDES..... | <i>Grand Secretary.</i> |
| JOHN OGSTON..... | <i>Grand Treasurer.</i> |
| HENRY LUSBY..... | <i>Grand Janitor.</i> |

The Chapter was opened in proper form, proceedings of last communication read—and, on motion,

Resolved. That, in consequence of an invitation from the Grand Lodge of Maryland, to assist in the contemplated dedication of the Masonic Hall in the City of Baltimore, on the 28th inst., and it having met with the approbation of the Grand High Priest, this Chapter do now adjourn, to meet on the 29th instant, in the City of Baltimore, for the transaction of business—and that the Grand Secretary is hereby directed to give public notice of the adjournment, in the papers of Baltimore and in the *Intelligencer* at Washington.*

The Grand Chapter then adjourned to meet in Baltimore, on the 29th day of November, at 10 o'clock, P. M.

*For an account of this celebration see page 420, vol. II, Schultz's History.

BALTIMORE, Nov. 29, 1822.

The G. R. A. Chapter for the State of Maryland and District of Columbia, met pursuant to adjournment; proceedings of last meeting read, and the Chapter opened in form.

(Washington) Chapter, No. 1, was represented by C. G. Peters, William Steuart and H. P. Cathell, who paid for dues, \$12.50.

Chapter No. 2, by Elijah Stansbury, A. R. Palmer and Jesse Willis, paid \$34.50.

(Federal) Chapter, No. 3, by John Frank, John Strother and William Cooper, paid \$15.50.

Washington Naval Chapter, No. 4, by Marmaduke Dove, who paid \$12.50.

Concordia Chapter, No. 5, by George Keyser, Richard McCubbin and H. Mantz, paid \$22.50.

Brooke Chapter, No. 6, by John Adam, who paid \$16.50.

Phoenix Chapter, No. 7, by Thomas Phenix, Samuel Keerl and J. B. Taylor, paid \$32.50.

Potomac Chapter, No. 8, by Thomas Wilson, (dues \$28.50.), paid \$23.50.

Jerusalem Chapter, No. 9, by J. D. Readell, J. D. Miller and William W. Waite, paid \$27.00.

The Grand High Priest appointed the following Committees:—

Of Accounts.—Companions John Franks, W. Cooper and George Myers.

Of Correspondence.—Companions Marmaduke Dove, J. H. Willis and Samuel Keerl.

Of Grievance.—Companions H. S. Keatinge, Jacob Baer and George Myers.

Of New Chapters and Mark Lodges.—Companions E. Stansbury, William P. Cathell and A. R. Palmer.

Select Committee of Arrangements for a Supper.—Companions John H. Willis, Marmaduke Dove and George Keyser.

On motion: *Resolved*, That the Committee of Arrangements for Supper, have the power, in conjunction with the Grand Officers, of inviting the installed officers of the Grand Lodge of Maryland, and such other strangers of distinction, as they may think proper.

The G. R. A. Chapter then adjourned, to meet to-morrow morning at 9 o'clock.

Saturday Morning, 9 o'clock.

The G. R. A. Chapter met pursuant to adjournment. A due representation appearing, the Chapter proceeded to business.

A communication was received from Companion Daniel Kurtz, G. H. Priest, declining a re-election, &c.

Companion Hammett, Grand Inspector for the District of Columbia, made the following report by letter:—

ALEXANDRIA, Nov. 22nd, 1822.

The commission received from the Grand and Deputy Grand High Priests, made it my duty to visit the several Chapters of Royal Arch Masons and Mark Lodges within the limits of said commission, and to report to the Grand Chapter at their annual meeting the result of said visitation in writing.—In conformity with the instruction thus received, I now take occasion to state, that I have visited Brooke Chapter, held in Alexandria, and that although some local uneasiness has prevailed in the Chapter in the course of the year, by the timely interference of the Grand High Priest and King, all things are restored to harmony and good

order, and there is good reason to think the Chapter will progress in Masonic usefulness—the records are well kept, and they work strictly according to the ancient usages of the Craft.

I have also visited Potomac Chapter, at Georgetown, and should also make a most favorable report from that visit, but that it appears from the proceedings of that and the Chapters in the City of Washington, that they will withdraw their connection from your Most Excellent Grand Chapter at the present meeting, and that they have obtained permission to that effect from the M. E. De Witt Clinton, General Grand High Priest. Having ascertained this fact, I thought it unnecessary to visit the Chapters in Washington, or even to report on the state of the Chapter in Georgetown, which is flourishing and works correctly.

Had the Chapters in Washington and Georgetown thought proper to have applied in the first instance to their parent, the Grand Chapter of Maryland and District of Columbia, for their approbation to establish a new Chapter, I should have visited each of them, and no doubt should have pleasure in reporting to the Grand Chapter a state of the Masonic knowledge, and correct attendance to records, by-laws, regulations, &c., that would be highly gratifying; but finding on my first visit across the Potomac, the ground which had been taken, I concluded that it was not necessary to visit the other Chapters. They have appointed a committee to lay the whole proceedings before the Grand Chapter, therefore any observations from me will be improper, and the former correct conduct of the Chapter in Alexandria might have excused me from troubling the Grand Chapter at this time, had not the resolve at the last annual communication made it the express duty of Inspectors to report in writing, at each communication, the state of Royal Arch Masonry within their respective spheres.

With sentiments of respect for our ancient institution, and due consideration for all who are called to legislate for, and superintend the government of the Craft, I remain your faithful companion and sincere friend,

JOHN B. HAMMETT.

A communication was received from Federal, Union, and Potomac Royal Arch Chapters, held within the District of Columbia, which was read, and on motion,

Resolved. That the communications and papers be referred to a committee of five.

Adopted: and the following Companions were appointed as that committee:—W. Seaton, Steuart, Adams, Cathell and Stapleton, who subsequently made the following report:

The Select Committee of Correspondence, to whom were referred the documents from Chapters 3, 4, and 8, relative to the organization of a Grand Royal Arch Chapter for the District of Columbia, separate and distinct from the Grand Royal Arch Chapter for the State of Maryland, beg leave to make the following report:—

The Chapters above named, it appears, after agreeing on the expediency of a Grand Chapter for the District of Columbia, made application to the General Grand High Priest of the United States, for authority to constitute and form the same; and received from that officer such authority, under date of the 30th of August last.—This proceeding on the part of the Chapters above named, was incorrect, in so far as, in the opinion of your committee, they ought as a preliminary and proper step, to have obtained the consent of this Grand Chapter to the object—inasmuch as an article of the Constitution of this Grand Chapter, requires the unanimous consent of its members to authorize any such measure as the formation of a Grand Chapter in this State or the District of Columbia, different from the organization of the existing Grand Chapter. But as

the clause referred to is not to be found in any printed edition of the Constitution, it is highly probable (indeed your committee have the assurance of the delegates from the Chapters above named for the belief,) that the members of those Chapters were ignorant of the existence of that clause, and they must therefore be absolved from the suspicion of having contemplated a violation of the Constitution.

Seeing that it is the wish of three of the Chapters of the District of Columbia, to form a Grand Chapter for themselves and that District generally, as being a less expensive and more convenient authority for the regulation of their affairs, your committee deem it expedient for this Grand Chapter to consent to the separation, amicably and harmoniously, rather than force them to continue under the jurisdiction and authority of this Grand Chapter for the remainder of the stipulated twenty years, against their wishes. Your Committee therefore recommend the adoption of the following resolution.—

Resolved, That Federal Chapter, No. 3, Union Chapter, No. 4, and Potomac Chapter, No. 8, be authorized and permitted to withdraw from the authority and jurisdiction of this Grand Chapter, and to form for themselves a Grand Chapter, under the sanction of the General Grand High Priest of the United States, already obtained by them; and that the Grand Treasurer be, and he is hereby authorized to pay to any person duly empowered by the Grand Chapter which shall be formed in the District of Columbia, an equitable portion of the funds of this Grand Chapter, for the use and benefit of the aforesaid contemplated Grand Chapter of the District of Columbia; the said portion of the funds to be ascertained by the proportion which the aforesaid Chapters have paid into the Grand Treasury, bears to the existing funds of this Grand Chapter.

Resolved, further, That Brooke Chapter, No. 6, is hereby authorized to avail itself, if it shall desire so to do, of all the privileges and benefits granted, by the preceding resolution, to the other Chapters of the District of Columbia.

W. W. SEATON, Chairman.

After some discussion relative to the above resolution, Companion Niles submitted the following, which was carried in the affirmative.

Resolved, That the preceding report be printed and laid before the several Chapters under the jurisdiction of this Grand Chapter, for consideration and determination, at the next meeting of the Grand Chapter, which is to be held in the City of Washington, in January, 1824.

The Grand Chapter adjourned to meet at half past 3 o'clock.

Saturday Evening, half past 3 o'clock.

The Grand Chapter met pursuant to adjournment, and proceeded to business.

Companion Cathell introduced the following petition from Chapters Nos. 1 and 5:—

To the Most Excellent High Priest, Officers and Members of the Grand Royal Arch Chapter for the State of Maryland and District of Columbia.

The petition of Royal Arch Chapters Nos. 1 and 5, respectfully sheweth: That said Chapters (owing to causes not within their control,) have for some time past been in a languishing state, and, in their opinion, without some measure is by them taken to revive and invigorate the fraternity, they will be unable longer to fulfil the grand designs for which the Order was instituted—They therefore pray that the Grand Royal Arch Chapter will in their abundant goodness, order and direct that Chapters Nos. 1 and 5, may, and shall henceforth be united and consolidated into one Royal Arch Chapter, by the name and number of Concordia Chapter No.

1, and by that name and number be taken, known, admitted and acknowledged by the Grand Royal Arch Chapter. And further, that orders may be given by the Grand Royal Arch Chapter for the necessary documents to be immediately made out for that purpose; giving the petitioners full power and authority to hold and work in their Chapter under the name and number of Concordia Chapter No. 1, at such times and places within the City of Baltimore, as they may deem fit and proper. And the petitioners, as in duty, &c., &c.

Signed on behalf of Chapters Nos. 1 and 5,

C. G. PETERS, H. P. Chapter No. 1. GEORGE KEYSER, H. Priest, No. 5. H. P. CATHELL, No. 1. HENRY MANTZ, No. 5. WM. STEUART, No. 1. SAMUEL CHILD, No. 5.

Which, on motion of Companion Stapleton, was referred to a committee of three, to report as soon as possible—the committee consisting of Companions Eckel, Readell and Stansbury, subsequently reported as follows.

That there is no provision in the Constitution of the Grand Royal Arch Chapter for the State of Maryland and District of Columbia, by which the Grand Chapter can grant the petitioners liberty to carry into effect the object of their petition *in the manner requested*. And they further beg leave to report, that the only manner in which the said object can be effected constitutionally, is, for one of the Chapters in question to join the other, and surrender its Charter to the Grand Chapter.

PHILIP P. ECKEL, in behalf of the Committee.

Which was rejected—and, on motion,

Resolved, That the prayer of the petition from Chapters Nos. 1 and 5, be granted, and to take effect on the 2d of December, 1822.

The Committee to whom was referred the subject to enquire if any and what regulations were necessary for the government of Mark Lodges, working under the authority of this Grand Chapter, respectfully beg leave to report:—

That they have had the same under serious consideration, and are of opinion that no dispensation or warrant should for the present be granted to any brother or brethren to establish a Mark Lodge, other than that connected with a Chapter, and that all warrants or charters heretofore granted to establish Mark Lodges, be, and the same is hereby called in, after the second Tuesday in January, 1824, and that all moneys which they may have paid to this Grand Chapter for such authority, be deducted from the fees of a warrant or charter.

GEORGE KEYSER, in behalf of the Committee.

Which was concurred in.

Received from Wirgman Lodge for a Dispensation (for a Mark Lodge) fifteen dollars which was granted them

Companion Phenix submitted the following:

WHEREAS, the Procession for dedicating the New Masonic Hall, in the City of Baltimore, has been attended with considerable expense, and the officers of this Grand Chapter having sanctioned the procuring of several Emblems for the use of this Grand Chapter:

Resolved, That the Grand Treasurer be, and he is hereby authorized to pay to the Committee of Arrangement the amount expended for this Grand Chapter. Which was unanimously adopted.

No other business appearing, the Grand Chapter went into an election for officers, and the following Companions were duly elected:

J. E. JACKSON, of Baltimore..... *Grand High Priest*.
W. W. SEATON, of Washington..... *D. Grand High Priest*.
J. K. STAPLETON, of Baltimore..... *Grand King*.

NICHOLAS BLASDALE, of Alexandria..... *Grand Scribe.*
 BENJAMIN EDES, of Baltimore..... *Grand Secretary.*
 JOHN OGSTON, of Baltimore..... *Grand Treasurer.*

On motion, *Resolved*, That the Grand Chapter now adjourn until Monday evening, 7 o'clock.

Monday Evening, 7 o'clock.

The Grand Chapter met; and a due representation appearing, the Chapter proceeded to business.

A bill was received from Mr. Barnum for furnishing a Supper for the Grand Chapter, amounting to \$117.00, which was ordered to be paid.

On motion, *Resolved*, That the Grand Chapter now adjourn until the 1st of January next, at 6 o'clock in the evening.—The Grand Chapter was accordingly adjourned.

[CONCORDIA R. A. CHAPTER, No. 1.

Baltimore City.

CHRISTIAN G. PETERS..... *High Priest.*
 GEORGE KEYSER *King.*
 WILLIAM STEUART..... *Scribe.*
 HENRY MANTZ *Secretary.*
 ASA CROCKER *Treasurer.*

EARLY MEMBERS.

B. Bates, J. Bull, R. Mackubin, J. Buck, P. Spencer, J. M. Dixon, R. B. Chenoweth, R. Cutts, Samuel Child, A. Brunnett, J. P. Fowler, G. S. Weimmel, John D. Miller, J. Thompson, O. Holmes, H. W. Hoffman, C. Gross, Wm. G. D. Worthington, D. B. Dickenson, William Parrish, J. Steuart, J. Hahn, J. R. Howard, Lewis Silver, E. Barker, R. Goldsborough, Anthony Kimmel, William H. Bates, P. M'Guire, John Grosh, Alexander Thompson, James Clarke, Calvin Breck, S. Fish, Samuel Duffield, E. L. Butler, William Orrick, Charles Duer, Lemuel Tittle.

As before mentioned this Chapter was formed by a union of the old Chapters Washington, No. 1, and Concordia, No. 5, permission for the union having been applied for and granted by the Grand Chapter, November 29th, 1822.

The records of this Chapter from the date of the first meeting under the union, December 13th, 1822, to the present, are in the archives of the Grand Chapter.

At the first recorded meeting, Concordia Chapter, No. 5, was opened, when the officers as above were elected, and a

committee was appointed to prepare a code of laws, and to draft a form of charter.

Singular to say there is nothing in the records referring to the union of the two Chapters except under date March 4th, 1823, the Secretary was ordered "to notify every Royal Arch Mason heretofore a member of Chapters, Nos. 1 and 5, who shall have paid his dues within 12 months from date and signed the by-laws, shall be a member of Concordia Chapter, No. 1, otherwise to be stricken from the list."

Under same date, it was resolved that henceforth this Chapter shall not confer the honorary degree of Past Master, but under date March 9th, 1824, it was determined that as the Grand Chapter had resolved to be governed by the Constitution of the General Grand Chapter, the by-laws should be changed and the following degrees would be conferred by the Chapter, to wit: Past Master, Mark Master, Most Excellent Master, Select Master and Royal Arch.

December 9th, 1823. The Chapter disapproved the resolution reported by Companion Seaton relative to the separation of Chapters, No. 3, 4 and 5, of the District of Columbia, and the representatives were instructed to support any petition of said Chapters praying permission to withdraw for the purpose of constituting a new Grand Chapter in the District of Columbia.

December 2nd, 1845. It was resolved that when this Chapter closes this evening it be closed *sine die*, and that the High Priest be directed to return the charter to the Grand High Priest. The resolution was adopted by vote of nine ayes to one nay, and the Secretary was ordered to close up the books forthwith and hand them to the Grand Secretary.

At a meeting called by the High Priest, Companion David Atkinson, December 19th, 1845. Present: Jos. Duncan, Sam. Child, D. A. Piper, Asa Child, J. W. Russell, Dr. Chas. H. Ohr, Robert Piggott, James B. George, Thos. Hedricks, and Nicholas Brewer: a resolution was unanimously adopted as follows: *Resolved*, That the welfare of Royal Arch Masonry would be promoted by Concordia Chapter resuming her labors, the Companions present pledging themselves to unite with the late members of the Chapter. Companion Piper was appointed to make the necessary arrangement for a revival of the Chapter.

At a meeting January 9th, 1846, Companion Atkinson, the former High Priest, reported that he had seen the Grand High Priest, who gave it as his opinion that inasmuch as the charter had not been actually returned to the Grand Chapter, a reconsideration of the proceedings, December 2nd,

1845, and a resumption of labor would be in strict accordance with Masonic law, whereupon it was resolved to open the Chapter and accordingly on the 9th January, the Chapter was opened and the resolution of December 2nd was reconsidered, and it was resolved to continue Masonic labors and all late Companions who may apply within three months shall be declared members. Companion Daniel A. Piper was elected High Priest.

Excepting the slight intermission referred to Concordia has had an uninterrupted existence, and can with strict propriety date its organization to the Royal Arch Chapter of Jerusalem, attached to Lodge No. 15, (now Washington, No. 3,) formed under authority granted by Lodge No. 7, Chestertown, April 9th, 1797.]

[ENOCH R. A. CHAPTER, No. 10.

Frederick Town, Frederick County.

JACOB BAER, M. D. *High Priest.*

SINGLETON DUVAL *King.*

SAMUEL WEBSTER *Scribe.*

EARLY MEMBERS.

James F. Houston, George Attie, Stewart Gaither, Jacob Myers, Samuel Houston, Thomas W. Morgan, Isaac Tyson, Robert Henderson, Thomas Gist, Thomas Nevins, Thomas Dean, Charles Humrichouse, Casper Quynn, Daniel Kolb, Isaac Lyon, Mathias E. Bartgis, John M. Stotlemeyer, Walter P. Gill, Francis Richmond, Francis Thomas, Nicholas A. Randall, Adolphus Fierhake, Daniel H. Bingham, Solomon Albaugh, Frederick Keller, Henry Boremer, George W. Sharp, Thomas C. Worthington.

Mark Masters.—Edward Koontz, Thomas Carlton, Daniel M'Clean, George Hosselbauch.

A dispensation for the formation of this Chapter was issued by Grand High Priest Hezekiah Niles sometime during the early part of the year 1820. At the November Communication of the same year, the Committee to whom the application for a Charter was referred, recommended "that a charter under existing circumstances be not granted," but if during the recess the said Chapter should forward to the Grand Secretary a record of their proceedings, together with a return of its members, the Grand Secretary was

authorized to furnish a Charter. At the January Communication, 1821, the Grand Secretary reported that the Companions had complied with the requirements and that he had forwarded the Charter.

It ceased to be represented after May, 1827, and appears to have become entirely extinct shortly after that period.

There are no records of the Chapter, either in the Archives of the Grand Chapter or of those of the present Enoch Chapter, No. 23, at Frederick, and therefore but little could be learned of its history.]

BALTIMORE, *January 1st, 1823.*

In consequence of non-attendance of the members of the Chapter, it being election day, the Grand Chapter was adjourned until to-morrow evening, 6 o'clock.

Thursday Evening, January 2nd, 1823.

The Grand Chapter met pursuant to adjournment—a representation appearing, the Chapter proceeded to business.

A return was received from Enoch Chapter No. 10, appointing Companions Singleton, Duvall, Benjamin Edes and Jesse H. Willis, their representatives, who paid for dues and for Charter, \$58.50.

On motion, *Resolved*, That all moneys received by this Chapter from Wirgman Mark Lodge, excepting the Secretary's fees, be returned to said Mark Lodge.

Companion Johannes E. Jackson, was properly installed as Grand High Priest—Jos. K. Stapleton, Grand King—Benj. Edes, Grand Secretary—John Ogston, Grand Treasurer,

Companion Niles and Companion Kurtz, or either of them, were appointed to instal Companion W. W. Seaton, Deputy Grand High Priest, and Companion Nicholas Blasdale, as Scribe.

No other business appearing, the Grand Royal Arch Chapter was then properly closed, to meet in the City of Washington on the second Tuesday in January, 1824, at 10 o'clock, A. M.

A true copy from the records,

BENJAMIN EDES, *G. A. R. Secretary.*

WASHINGTON, *January 13th, 1824.*

The Grand Holy Royal Arch Chapter for the State of Maryland and District of Columbia, met in the City of Washington on the 13th day of January, 1824, in conformity to the Constitution.

PRESENT.

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| Comps. J. E. JACKSON..... | <i>Grand High Priest.</i> |
| W. W. SEATON..... | <i>D. Grand High Priest.</i> |
| J. K. STAPLETON..... | <i>Grand King.</i> |
| GEORGE KEYSER..... | <i>Grand Scribe, p. t.</i> |
| BENJAMIN EDES..... | <i>Grand Secretary.</i> |
| JOHN OGSTON..... | <i>Grand Treasurer.</i> |
| T. T. SOUTHERLAND..... | <i>Grand Janitor.</i> |

The Chapter was opened in proper form, and the proceedings of the last communication read and approved.

Concordia Chapter No. 1, was represented by Companion George Keyser, who paid \$18.00.

Chapter No. 2, Companion J. D. Babb, who paid \$49.00.

(Federal) Chapter No. 3, by Companions W. Lambert, H. Bestor, J. Franks, A. T. McCormick and W. Duncan, who paid \$21.50.

Washington Naval Chapter No. 4, by Companions Thomas Howard, Marmaduke Dove and John Judge, who paid \$7.50.

Brooke Chapter No. 6, by Companions J. B. Hammett, Alfred P. Gilpin, J. Adam, Alexander McClean, Dunlap and Barry, who paid \$20.50.

Phoenix Chapter No. 7, by Companion Michael S. Baer, who paid \$39.00.

Potomac Chapter No. 8, by Companions Jas. King, James Gettys, Ninian Beall, Thomas Cochran, Jun. and George A. Adams, who paid \$19.50. And the balance due last year, \$5.00.

Jerusalem Chapter No. 9, by Companion Dorsey, who paid \$48.50.

Enoch Chapter No. 10, by Companion Houston, who paid \$21.00.

Total \$249.50.

Companion Hammett, Inspector for Alexandria, reported favorably of the Chapter under his jurisdiction.

Companion Lambert, Inspector for Washington, made a favorable report of the Chapters in Washington and Georgetown, and submitted a memorial from Chapters Nos. 3, 4 and 8, which, on motion, was referred to a committee of three; and the Grand Chapter appointed Companions M. E. J. E. Jackson, Amos Alexander and J. K. Stapleton, the committee.

Companion Keyser submitted the following :

WHEREAS, some information relative to dispensations heretofore granted by this Grand Chapter to a number of Companions at Denton and Salisbury, has come to the knowledge of this Grand Chapter highly derogatory to Royal Arch Masonry—therefore,

Resolved, That the Grand Secretary correspond with Companions resident in these places on the subject, and use every means in his power to put a stop to the irregular proceedings said to have taken place, and demand of the Companions a return of all the books, papers and funds, of said Chapters:—and that said committee make a report to the M. E. High Priest of this Grand Chapter, of their proceedings under this resolution. Concurred in.

The Grand Chapter then adjourned until five o'clock to-morrow evening.

Wednesday Evening, Jan. 14th, 1824.

The Grand Royal Arch Chapter met pursuant to adjournment—a due representation appearing, the Chapter proceeded to business.

The Committee appointed on New Chapters and Mark Lodges, reported—That no application has been made for the establishment of a new Chapter or Mark Lodge, within the jurisdiction of this Grand Chapter, or any proposition connected with the duties of their appointment, referred to your committee, which claims their attention at the present meeting.

WILLIAM LAMBERT, *Chairman*.

The Committee to whom was referred the memorial of Chapters Nos. 3, 4 and 8, relating to the formation of a Grand Royal Arch Chapter for the District of Columbia, report—That they have carefully considered the same, and beg leave to recommend that the prayer of the petitioners

be granted, agreeably to the two resolutions submitted to this Grand Chapter at the November session of 1822, and signed by W. W. Seaton, chairman, to which they respectfully refer,

J. E. JACKSON, AMOS ALEXANDER, J. K. STAPLETON.

And, on motion, the report was unanimously concurred in.

On motion: *Resolved*, That the Grand Royal Arch Chapter now adjourn, to meet in the City of Baltimore on Monday next, at six o'clock.

BALTIMORE, *January 19th*, 1824.

The Grand Royal Arch Chapter met in the City of Baltimore pursuant to adjournment.

The committee to whom was referred the petition of a number of Royal Arch Masons in Hagerstown, praying a Charter to establish a Royal Arch Chapter in Hagerstown, reported that they have had the same under consideration, and recommended that the prayer of the petitioners be granted.

Which was unanimously concurred in, and a Charter was issued for MOUNT MORIAH CHAPTER No. 11.

By Companion Keyser: *Resolved*, That the second section of the first Article of the Constitution, as well as the resolution passed on the 9th November, 1818, as an amendment to the Constitution, be, and the same is hereby repealed, and that the following be added as the second section of the aforesaid first article.

Sec. 2. The Grand Royal Arch Chapter shall meet in the City of Baltimore on the Wednesday after the second Monday in November, annually. Which was unanimously adopted.

Companion Samuel Keerl submitted the following: which was adopted.

Resolved, That no Chapter working under this jurisdiction, be hereafter convened for the purpose of working or lecturing on the Sabbath day.

On motion: *Resolved*, That Companions J. E. Jackson, J. K. Stapleton and Benjamin Edes, be, and are hereby appointed a committee, to ascertain what proportion of funds may be properly applied to the Grand Chapter of the District of Columbia, and that they have power to draw on the Treasurer for the amount, and pay over the same to any person properly authorized to receive the same by the Grand Chapter of Columbia.

On motion: *Resolved*, That the Grand Chapter adjourn until to-morrow evening at six o'clock.

Tuesday Evening, January 20th, 1824.

The Grand Royal Arch Chapter met pursuant to adjournment.

On motion of Companion Keyser: *Resolved*, That a committee of five be appointed to revise the Constitution of the Grand Royal Arch Chapter, and that they report at an extra meeting of the Grand Chapter, to be held in May next, and to be finally acted upon at the regular meeting to be held in November.

The Grand Chapter appointed Companions Barker, Stapleton, Readell, Jackson and Keyser, the committee.

The Grand Royal Arch Chapter proceeded to the election of officers. when the following Companions were duly elected.

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| J. E. JACKSON..... | <i>Grand High Priest.</i> |
| J. K. STAPLETON | <i>D. Grand High Priest.</i> |
| EPHRAIM BARKER..... | <i>Grand King.</i> |

JOHN D. READEL..... *Grand Scribe.*
 BENJAMIN EDES..... *Grand Secretary.*
 JOHN OGSTON..... *Grand Treasurer.*

On motion, *Resolved*, That a committee of five be appointed to enquire into, and report, on the propriety of uniting this Grand Chapter with the Grand Lodge of Maryland, so as to consolidate the two jurisdictions; and that they report to a special meeting to be called when they are prepared.

The Grand Chapter appointed for that committee, the Grand High Priest, Grand King, Grand Scribe, and Companions Phenix and Keyser.

No other business appearing, the Grand Chapter was adjourned until Saturday, 31st January.

BALTIMORE, Jan. 31st, 1824.

The Grand Royal Arch Chapter met pursuant to adjournment.

The following appointments were made—

Comps. REV. JOHN HARGROVE, of Baltimore.. . . . *Grand Chaplain.*
 JAMES HOUSTON, of Frederick..... *Grand Capt. of Host.*
 JOHN B. HAMMETT, of Alexandria... *Grand Royal Arch Captain.*
 MICHAEL S. BAER, of Baltimore..... *Grand Marshal.*
 JOHN D. BABB, of Baltimore..... }
 EDWARD MULLIKIN, of Baltimore..... } *Grand Capt. of Vails.*
 C. G. PETERS, of Baltimore..... }
 THOMAS PHENIX, Baltimore..... *Prin. Sojourner.*
 JESSE H. WILLIS, of Baltimore..... }
 SIMEON ALDEN, of Baltimore..... } *Grand Purveyors.*
 JOHN D. MILLER, of Baltimore..... *Grand Pursuivant.*
 HENRY LUSBY, of Baltimore..... *Grand Janitor.*

INSPECTORS OF CHAPTERS.

Comps. George Keyser, Samuel Keerl, for the City of Baltimore. Alexander M'Ilhenny, Frederick County. Doct. Wm. H. Hammond, Washington County. William Done, Somerset County. Amos Alexander, Alexandria.

Johannes E. Jackson, was properly installed Grand High Priest—Joseph K. Stapleton, Deputy Grand High Priest—Ephraim Barker, Grand King—Benjamin Edes, Grand Secretary—and John Ogston, Grand Treasurer.

Companion Stapleton, Deputy Grand High Priest, was appointed to install Companion Readel, as Grand Scribe.

On motion, *Resolved*, That the Grand Chapter now adjourn during the pleasure of the Grand High Priest.

BALTIMORE, May 19th, 1824.

The Grand Royal Arch Chapter met by order of the Grand High Priest.

Resolved, That Companion Ezekiel Richardson be invited to attend the meeting of the Grand Chapter this evening.

“The representatives of Jerusalem Chapter, No. 9, respectfully propose the following question to this Grand Chapter:—

What is the duty of a Chapter, if after *unanimously electing* a High Priest, the Companions whose prerogative it is, refuse to confer the degree, or receive the High Priest elect into their Order, thereby preventing his installation.”

Which was ordered to lie on the table.

The Secretary submitted the following from Potomac Chapter:—

Potomac R. A. Chapter, No. 8, }
Georgetown, Feb. 11th, 1824. }

Resolved, unanimously, That we deem it inexpedient to separate from the Grand Chapter of the State of Maryland and District of Columbia, and that we will not avail ourselves of the permission and authority granted by a resolution passed said Grand Chapter at their last communication.

Resolved, That the Secretary be, and he is hereby directed, to communicate the above resolution to the Grand Chapter of the State of Maryland and District of Columbia.

Extracts from the minutes.

EDW. DEEBLE, Sec'y,
 Pot. R. A. C. No. 8.

To Col. B. Edes, G. R. A. Secretary.

In order to enable the committees to report—*Resolved,* That the Chapter now adjourn until seven o'clock this evening.

Wednesday Evening, seven o'clock.

The Grand Royal Arch Chapter met pursuant to adjournment.

The Chapter was opened and proceeded to business; and, in order to enable the Companions to attend the Grand Lodge, it was

Resolved, That the Grand Chapter adjourn until to-morrow evening, seven o'clock.

Thursday Evening, eight o'clock.

The Grand Royal Arch Chapter met pursuant to adjournment.

There not being a proper representation in the Grand Chapter, it was

Resolved, That the Grand Chapter adjourn until Tuesday evening next, at seven o'clock.

BALTIMORE, *June 14th, 1824.*

The Grand Royal Arch Chapter met pursuant to adjournment.

The committee appointed to draw up a Constitution for the government of the Grand Chapter of the State of Maryland, District of Columbia, reported that they have, to best of their ability, executed the important task confided to them; and respectfully submit the same for the consideration of the Grand Chapter.

On motion, *Resolved,* That the Constitution be read, which was accordingly done as far as the 13th Article. The reading of the remainder of the Constitution was postponed for the present.

On motion, *Resolved,* That the question propounded by Jerusalem Chapter, be now taken up for consideration; when, after considerable debate, an adjournment was moved and carried—and the Grand Chapter adjourned during the pleasure of the Grand High Priest.

By order of the Grand High Priest, the Chapter was summoned to meet on Saturday, the 9th July;—a quorum not being formed, the Grand Chapter was adjourned until Tuesday, 13th July.

Tuesday, July 13th, 1824.

The Grand Royal Arch Chapter met according to adjournment.

On motion, the Grand Chapter proceeded to the reading of the Constitution, after which,

The following was submitted :

WHEREAS, it appears by the certified records of Potomac Royal Arch Chapter, that they are unwilling to be separated from this Grand Chapter, therefore

Resolved, That Potomac Chapter shall be, and is hereby continued under the jurisdiction of the Grand Chapter of the State of Maryland and District of Columbia.

On motion, *Resolved*, That the Grand Chapter now adjourn until Thursday evening, four o'clock.

Thursday Evening, four o'clock.

The Grand Royal Arch Chapter met in pursuance of adjournment.

The reading of the Constitution was then taken up and concluded.

The letter received from Companion Salisbury, High Priest of a Chapter at Denton, was read and referred to the Grand High Priest, King and Scribe.

A letter was received from the Secretary of Brooke Royal Arch Chapter, containing the following :

At a special meeting of Brooke Royal Arch Chapter No. 6, held at their Hall January 22nd, Anno Templi 2824, the following resolutions were offered and unanimously adopted :

Resolved, That Brooke Chapter will avail itself of the liberty granted by the Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Maryland and District of Columbia, to unite with the Chapters of Washington and Georgetown, for the purpose of forming a Grand Royal Arch Chapter for this District.

Resolved, That five delegates be chosen, to meet the delegates of our sister Chapters of Washington and Georgetown, in the City of Washington, on the second Tuesday in February next, for the purpose of forming the said Grand Chapter.

Resolved, That the delegates so chosen be authorized to vote for officers in said Grand Chapter, for the ensuing year, or for such time as said Convention may think proper to appoint them.

Extract from the minutes,

WASHINGTON C. PAGE, *Secretary*.

Sir and Companion,

Above you have a copy of the resolutions adopted by Brooke Chapter No. 6. Be assured, sir, that although the Chapter has withdrawn from under the jurisdiction of the Grand Chapter of Maryland, yet, for it, will they always entertain a great regard and affection, and for its prosperity and welfare be ever solicitous. Fraternaly yours,

W. C. PAGE, *Secretary*.

Benjamin Edes, Grand Secretary }
Grand Chapter of Maryland. }

Which was referred to the Grand High Priest, King and Scribe.

On motion, *Resolved*, That the Secretary cause to be printed one hundred and fifty copies of the Constitution, and that he forward copies of the same to all the Chapters under the jurisdiction of this Grand Chapter for their consideration.

No other business appearing, the Grand Chapter was properly closed, to meet again in the City of Baltimore, on Wednesday, the 10th day of November next.

BENJAMIN EDES, *G. R. A. Secretary*.

BALTIMORE, *November 10th, 1824.*

The Grand Royal Arch Chapter for the State of Maryland and District of Columbia, met in the City of Baltimore this 10th day of November, A. L. 2824, A. D. 1824.

PRESENT :

Comps. J. E. JACKSON..... *Grand High Priest.*
J. K. STAPLETON..... *D. Grand High Priest.*

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| Comps. E. BARKER..... | <i>Grand King.</i> |
| J. D. BABB..... | <i>Grand Scribe, p. t.</i> |
| BENJAMIN EDES..... | <i>Grand Secretary.</i> |
| JOHN OGSTON..... | <i>Grand Treasurer.</i> |
| JOHN H. DORSEY..... | <i>Principal Sojourner.</i> |
| JOHN D. MILLER..... | <i>Grand Pursuivant.</i> |
| HENRY LUSBY..... | <i>Grand Janitor.</i> |

Concordia Chapter No. 1, was represented by Companions R. Mac-kubin, Oliver Holmes and William Parrish, who paid \$16.50.

Chapter No. 2, by John D. Babb, A. Brown and Wm. P. Mills, who paid \$32.00.

Phoenix Chapter No. 7, by Thomas Phenix, Samuel Keerl and M. S. Baer, who paid \$41.00.

Potomac Chapter No. 8, by Companion George W. Haller, who paid \$19.50

Jerusalem Chapter No. 9, by A. Crocker, John H. Dorsey and Robert White, who paid \$34.00 Total \$143.00.

The Grand Chapter was opened in proper form and the proceedings of the last communication read and approved.

The Grand High Priest read a copy of a letter directed to the High Priest of a Chapter at Denton.

On motion of Companion Stapleton, *Resolved*, That the Grand Chapter now proceed to the consideration of the Constitution—which was read as far as the fifth Article. At 10 o'clock at night, it was resolved that the Grand Chapter adjourn until four o'clock to-morrow afternoon.

Thursday Afternoon, four o'clock.

The Grand Chapter met pursuant to adjournment.

The proceedings of yesterday were read and approved, and the Chapter proceeded to business. J. E. Jackson, Grand High Priest, appeared and took his seat.

The remainder of the Constitution was then read—and amended in some of its articles. The 5th Article of the Constitution was then taken into consideration and amended. The question was then taken upon the adoption of the Constitution as amended, and it was unanimously adopted.

Companion Keerl submitted the following:

WHEREAS. This Grand Chapter has the highest confidence in the integrity of its Grand Treasurer, Companion John Ogston, and wishing to register its estimation of his faithful services, do resolve, that so long as he shall remain its Grand Treasurer, that that clause of the Grand Royal Arch Constitution, which we are now about adopting contained within the 3rd section of the 5th Article, and requiring a bond from the Grand Treasurer. be suspended as to him, so long as he shall continue Grand Treasurer of this Grand Royal Arch Chapter.

On motion, *Resolved*, That the Grand Chapter now adjourn until to-morrow evening at six o'clock.

Friday Evening, 6 o'clock.

The Grand Royal Arch Chapter met pursuant to adjournment.

The proceedings of yesterday were read and approved—and the Chapter proceeded to business.

The Committee of Accounts reported, That since the last annual Communication the treasurer has received the sum of three hundred and thirty dollars forty-three and one-fourth cents, (\$330.43 $\frac{1}{4}$.) including the balance in his hands at last communication, that he has invested

in Masonic Hall Stock the sum of two hundred dollars, and paid sundry accounts (accompanied by proper vouchers,) amounting to one hundred and thirty dollars fifty-seven and one-quarter cents, leaving a balance due him by the Grand Chapter, of fourteen cents.

The Grand Chapter proceeded to the election, and the following Companions were unanimously elected:

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| Comps. J. E. JACKSON..... | <i>Grand High Priest.</i> |
| J. K. STAPLETON..... | <i>Deputy Grand High Priest.</i> |
| EPHRAIM BARKER..... | <i>Grand King.</i> |
| J. D. READEL..... | <i>Grand Scribe.</i> |
| BENJAMIN EDES..... | <i>Grand Secretary.</i> |
| JOHN OGSTON..... | <i>Grand Treasurer.</i> |

On motion of Companion Stapleton, *Resolved*, That the Secretary cause to be printed 250 copies of the new Constitution.

Resolved, That the Grand Secretary have the printed abstract of proceedings, from the formation of this Grand Chapter, to the close of this present communication, and also a copy of the old and the new Constitution, neatly bound in one or two volumes, as may be necessary, and that he furnish a copy of the same as soon as practicable to each installed Grand Officer, to be by him transmitted to his successor in office.

Resolved, That the Grand Chapter approve of the communication sent by the Grand High Priest to the Chapter at Denton, and that the time allowed to the Chapter at Denton to make their return, be extended to the next communication of the Grand Chapter in May next, and that they be informed thereof by the Grand Secretary.

Johannes E. Jackson, was properly installed Grand High Priest—Joseph K. Stapleton, Deputy Grand High Priest—Ephraim Barker, Grand King—John E. Readel, Grand Scribe—Benjamin Edes, Grand Secretary—and John Ogston, Grand Treasurer.

No other business appearing the Grand Chapter adjourned to meet in the City of Baltimore, on Wednesday, the 11th of May next, at ten o'clock, A. M.

BENJAMIN EDES, *G. R. A. Secretary.*

[MOUNT MORIAH CHAPTER, No. 11.]

Hagerstown, Washington County.

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| OTHO H. WILLIAMS..... | <i>High Priest.</i> |
| FRISBY TILGHMAN..... | <i>King.</i> |
| WILLIAM HAMMOND..... | <i>Scribe.</i> |

EARLY MEMBERS.

William D. Bell, David Morrison, Matthew Murray, Jacob B. Motter, George Brumbaugh, Thomas B. Duckett, George Kealhofer, William D. Magill, James Davis, John Henneberger, Joshua Murray, Daniel Oster, Henry J. Shafer, Joseph Fiery, Jacob Kessinger, Elias Davis, Jacob Powlus, Thomas Sturr, George Swearingen, George W. Boerstler, Thomas Hammond, William Price, Thomas Post, Charles

Robinson, Martin Newcomer, John Sleigh, Jr., John D. Ridenour, Charles G. Lane, Thomas B. Hall, Andrew Hogmire, Joseph Martin, William Wood, John D. Work, Jacob Wolf, George Zollinger, Henry Myers, Thomas Trice.

The Dispensation for the formation of this Chapter was issued by Grand High Priest Johannes E. Jackson, a Charter being granted for the same January 19th, 1824. This Chapter had even a shorter existence than Enoch, having ceased to be represented after May, 1828, and as in the case of Enoch, no records are known to be existing.]

BALTIMORE, May 18th, A. T. 2825, A. D., 1825.

The Grand Royal Arch Chapter of the State of Maryland and District of Columbia, met in the Masonic Hall, in the City of Baltimore, this day at ten o'clock, A. M.

PRESENT.

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| Comps. J. K. STAPLETON..... | <i>Grand High Priest, p. t.</i> |
| PETER LITTLE..... | <i>D. Grand High Priest, p. t.</i> |
| OTHO H. WILLIAMS | <i>Grand King, p. t.</i> |
| GEORGE KEYSER..... | <i>Grand Scribe, p. t.</i> |
| BENJAMIN EDES..... | <i>Grand Secretary.</i> |
| JOHN OGSTON..... | <i>Grand Treasurer.</i> |

And representatives from the following Chapters, who paid fees and dues as follows, viz:

Concordia Chapter, No. 1, Oliver H. Holmes, William Parrish and Henry Nantz, Fees and Dues \$24.50.

Chapter No. 2, John D. Babb, Amos Brown and William P. Mills, Fees and Dues \$41.50.

Phoenix Chapter, No. 7, Thomas W. Hall, Samuel Keerl and Robert Neilson, Fees and Dues \$74.50.

Potomac Chapter, No. 8, William Hayman, Fees and Dues \$17.50.

Jerusalem Chapter, No. 9, Walter Ball, John H. Dorsey and John Huzza, Fees and Dues \$30.00.

Enoch Chapter, No. 10, James F. Houston, Fees and Dues \$17.00.

Mount Moriah Chapter, No. 11, Otho H. Williams and Frisby Tilghman, Fees and Dues \$61.50.—Balance on Charter \$35.—\$96.50.

Total, \$301.50.

On motion, the G. R. A. Chapter adjourned until 3 o'clock this afternoon.

Wednesday Evening, May 18th.

The Grand Royal Arch Chapter met pursuant to adjournment.

On motion: *Resolved*, That the communication received by the Grand Treasurer, from the Grand Treasurer of the Grand Chapter of the District of Columbia, be referred to a select committee of three, the M. E. G. H. P. appointed Companions Tilghman, Hall and Mackubin, as the committee.

The Committee to whom was referred the application of the representatives of Wirgman Chapter for a warrant beg leave to report:—

That they have examined the proceedings had in said Chapter under dispensation, and although not yet recorded in a book, find the minutes

regularly kept. Several members have been advanced in said Chapter, on the evening of their applications, but by dispensation from the Grand Officers as they are informed by Companion Baer. The committee therefore recommend that the prayer of WIRGMAN CHAPTER, No. 12, be granted.

The Committee to whom was referred the communication from the Grand Royal Arch Chapter of the District of Columbia, beg leave to report:—

That they have examined a statement furnished by the Deputy Grand High Priest, which they believe to be correct in principle, and agreeably thereto they find the Grand Royal Arch Chapter of the District of Columbia, entitled to receive from our Treasury, the sum of sixty-two dollars and sixty-nine cents.

F. TILGHMAN, R. MACKUBIN, THOMAS HALL, Committee.

The above report was unanimously concurred in.

On motion the Grand Royal Arch Chapter adjourned until seven o'clock, P. M.

Wednesday Evening, May 18th, 1825.

The Grand Royal Arch Chapter met pursuant to adjournment.

Resolved, That a Grand Lecturer be appointed by this Grand Royal Arch Chapter, whose duty it shall be, to visit the several subordinate Chapters, semi-annually, if required, for the purpose of instructing the officers and members of said Chapters in their several duties.

On motion by Companion Phenix, the committee appointed at the annual communication of 1824, to take into consideration the propriety of uniting this Grand Chapter with the Grand Lodge of Maryland, be discharged from the duty assigned to them.

The following resolution submitted by Companion Phenix was read and concurred in.

Resolved, That Companions Stapleton, Barker, Phenix and Keyser, be a committee on the part of the Grand Royal Arch Chapter of the State of Maryland and District of Columbia, to confer with the Right Worshipful Grand Lodge of Maryland, as to the expediency of uniting this Grand Chapter with the Grand Lodge of Maryland, and that they report their proceedings at the next annual meeting of this Grand Chapter.

On motion:—*Resolved*, That the Grand Secretary be and he is hereby required to inform the R. W. G. Lodge of Maryland of the passage of the above resolution.

The Grand Royal Arch Chapter proceeded to the election of officers, when the following Companions were duly elected.

Comps. JOSEPH K. STAPLETON, of Baltimore. *Grand High Priest.*
 EPHRAIM BARKER, of Baltimore. *D. Grand High Priest.*
 OTHO H. WILLIAMS, of Hagerstown. *Grand King.*
 GEORGE KEYSER, of Baltimore. *Grand Scribe.*
 THOMAS PHENIX, of Baltimore. *Grand Secretary.*
 JOHN OGSTON, of Baltimore. *Grand Treasurer.*

On motion, the Grand Royal Arch Chapter adjourned until four o'clock on Friday evening.

BENJAMIN EDES, *G. Secretary.*

Friday, 20th May, 1825.

The Grand Royal Arch Chapter met pursuant to adjournment.

The Grand Chapter proceeded to ballot for a Lecturer, agreeable to a resolution passed on the 18th inst., when on counting the ballots, Companion Thomas Phenix was declared duly elected.

In conformity with the 11th article of the constitution, the Grand Officers made the following appointments, viz:

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| Comps. REV. JOHN HARGROVE, .. | } | <i>Grand Chaplains.</i> |
| and S. WILLIAMS..... | | |
| MICHAEL S. BAER, of Baltimore..... | } | <i>Grand Marshal.</i> |
| JOHN D. BABB, of Baltimore.. | | <i>Grand Royal Arch Captain.</i> |
| C. G. PETERS, of Baltimore..... | } | <i>Principal Sojourner.</i> |
| THOS. W. HALL, of Baltimore.. | | |
| JAS. F. HOUSTON, of Frederick.. | } | <i>Grand Cpts. of Vails.</i> |
| WM. HAYMAN, of Geo. Town... | | |
| C. JOHNSON, of Baltimore..... | } | <i>Grand Stewards.</i> |
| JOHN D. MILLER, of Baltimore.... | | |
| WILLIAM BALL, of Baltimore..... | } | <i>Grand Capt. of Host.</i> |
| HENRY LUSBY, of Baltimore..... | | <i>Grand Janitor.</i> |

The following Companions were appointed Grand Inspectors, viz:

Comps. P. P. Eckel, George Keyser, for Baltimore. Doctor Jacob Baer, for Frederick. Doctor William L. Hammond, Washington County. William Done, Somerset County. Daniel Kurtz, District of Columbia.

The G. H. P. reported, that a verbal communication had been received from the Chapter at Denton; the subject was referred to the consideration of the Grand Officers.

On motion by Companion Keerl:—*Resolved*, That each and every Chapter under this jurisdiction be furnished with a copy of the constitution, and the proceedings of the G. R. A. Chapter, including the present communication.

On motion by Companion Keerl, the Grand Secretary was required to incorporate in the proceedings of this communication, the names of all the members returned to this Grand Chapter by the subordinate Chapters.

A prayer having been offered up by Rev. Companion John Hargrove, the Grand R. A. Chapter was properly closed.

TH. PHENIX, *Grand Royal Arch Secretary.*

[WIRGMAN CHAPTER, No. 12.

Baltimore City.

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| MICHAEL S. BAER..... | <i>High Priest.</i> |
| GEORGE EARNEST, JR..... | <i>King.</i> |
| PHILIP REIGART..... | <i>Scribe.</i> |

EARLY MEMBERS.

William Toy, David C. Brown, Francis J. Dallam, Joshua Wall, Henry Mantz, John M. Pugh, John B. Fitzgerald, Henry Green, Arad Israel, Jesse T. Peters, George Carey, Thomas Ellicott, Jr., John A. Bentz, Richard S. Steward, George Wells, Jr., John Fonerden, Joseph N. Toy, Frederick J. Dugan, Charles Jessop, Jr., Henry B. Griffith, George Slothower, Henry Ashman, William F. Small, John Berryman, Henry Tingle, Joshua W. Canby, Joseph Ross, William Baer, Joseph D. Paul, Benjamin Ellicott, Jr., Joseph J. Speed, James K. Chappell, Charles G. Lewis.

Mark Masters.—Pilkington Codd, John W. Massey, John S. Gittings, Jacob Vogde, William Street, George Fishach, William R. Adair.

This Chapter was organized by virtue of a Dispensation granted by the Grand Chapter at the November, 1822, Communication, but a Charter was not obtained until May, 1825.

It was named in honor of Grand Master Charles Wirgman, who died in office in 1820 from an attack of yellow fever.

It was for a time quite active and contained among its membership many prominent citizens, but about 1838 it ceased to be represented and May 25th, 1840, its Charter was declared forfeited, and the Grand Secretary was directed to demand the charter, books, jewels and implements, and deposit the same in the Archives of the Grand Chapter. The order may have been complied with, but there is not now in the Archives any records or documents relating to this Chapter.]

[The following proceedings, commencing May 17th, and ending with the adjourned session, June 19th, 2826, were never printed.]

BALTIMORE, *May 17th, A. T. 2826.*

This being the day prescribed by the Constitution for the meeting of the Grand Royal Arch Chapter of the State of Maryland, the Companions assembled in the Masonic Hall, at 10 o'clock, A. M.

PRESENT.

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| Comps. Jos. K. STAPLETON..... | <i>Grand High Priest.</i> |
| EPHRAIM BAKER..... | <i>D. Grand High Priest.</i> |
| OTHO H. WILLIAMS..... | <i>Grand King.</i> |
| THOMAS PHENIX..... | <i>Grand Secretary.</i> |
| JOHN OGSTON..... | <i>Grand Treasurer.</i> |

The Grand Chapter was opened in ample form, tyled by Companion Lusby.

The following Chapters were represented and paid dues, viz :

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| Concordia No. 1, Chas. G. Peters, Wm. Steuart, Samuel Childs, | \$25.00. |
| Chapter No. 2, Henry S. Keating, Elijah Stansbury, Wm. P. Mills, | \$40.50. |
| Phoenix No. 7, Thos. W. Hall, Samuel Keerl, Robert Neilson, | \$65.50. |
| Potomac No. 8, James King, | \$13.50. |
| Jerusalem No. 9, Walter Ball, John Huzza, | \$29.50. |
| Enoch No. 10, Casper Quinn, Thos. Carlton, Daniel Koltz, | \$32.50. |
| Mount Moriah No. 11, Wm. D. Bell, V. W. Randail, | \$41.00. |
| * Wirgman No. 12, M. S. Baer, George Earnest, Jr., George Carey, | \$29.50. |
| Union No. 13, Working U. D. (Charter less dispensation,) | \$36.50. |
| Livingston No. 14, working U. D., fees, dues, Charter, etc., | \$47.50. |
| Total | \$360.00. |

The M. E. Grand High Priest delivered the following Address.

COMPANIONS :

* * * * Permit me to offer you individually our profound respect and to congratulate you in the name of the Grand Chapter for the high respectability and intelligence now congregated before us.

* * * Since our last annual meeting we have much satisfaction in stating that the several Chapters under our jurisdiction, (so far as we are informed,) continue to labor successfully in the Royal Art. In many of the Chapters which we have attended, we have beheld with satisfaction an order in the arrangement and mode of work, much to be commended, as tending in many instances to the dispatch of business and the respectability of the Craft; perhaps no period since the formation of this Grand Chapter has Masonry in Maryland been marked with more respectability than will be found on the returns presented at this communication. It affords me pleasure to state that ample satisfaction has been made to the Grand Chapter by the officers and members working under dispensation at Denton. This happy circumstance was effected through the agency of our Worthy Companions Phenix and Hughlett, at the City of Annapolis, where a full statement of the arrears due from them was made, and the proceeds paid over to our Grand Treasurer. During the recess of the Grand Chapter a dispensation to sundry Companions residing on the Eastern Shore, and to sundry other Companions in the City of Baltimore has been granted, which dispensation and the returns under that authority will of course be laid before you at this communication.

It affords me satisfaction to state that a friendly correspondence has been entered into with our sister Grand Chapters in the United States, by our zealous and Worthy Grand Secretary, and I trust for the future no omission or neglect may interrupt this useful and friendly intercourse. Several communications will be laid before you by the Grand Secretary, which will claim your attention and serious deliberation, particularly those from our sister Grand Chapters of the District of Columbia and Kentucky, and also one from the Secretary of the General Grand Chapter of the United States, notifying this Grand Chapter to appear represented at the meeting of that Body in September next, at the City of New York. A report from the committee appointed by this Grand Chapter at the last communication, to confer with a committee raised by the Grand Lodge of Maryland, to consider on the propriety of uniting the Grand Chapter and Grand Lodge under one jurisdiction, will be laid before you for your consideration. The accounts of the Grand Treasurer will as usual be presented for examination, where it will appear that our finances are rapidly accumulating, and will in the course of a few years present this Grand Chapter a pleasing and interesting evidence of the good management and care of our worthy and respectable Grand Treasurer, who under authority has embraced every opportunity of making investments of surplus and interest in Masonic Hall Stock, which I am proud to say is equal to any other stock in this city for security and punctuality of dividends, most earnestly would we recommend a continuance of investing the surplus funds and dividends in the same stock, or some other, that is well secured, when Masonic Hall cannot be had, for it must be evident to all who will take the trouble to examine the subject, that a few more years successful operation of the respective Chapters under our jurisdiction, will enable the Royal Arch Masons of Maryland to go hand in hand with the Grand Lodge of Maryland, in erecting a monument honorable to the Masonic Fraternity. I allude to a suitable permanent and comfortable edifice for the accommodation and education

of those dear and interesting subjects, that are occasionally presented as objects of our care, and whose claims on our charity cannot be disregarded. Here, so accommodated, the aged and infirm might instruct the young, here the Widow and the Orphan may find a home and hearts and hands anxious to contribute to their comfort and relief. Here the children of the worthy Mason left fatherless might find protection and instruction, to qualify them for future usefulness in society. Here upon a plan of economy and benevolence might much good be done under suitable regulations and at no very great expense. To such a monument erected to the genius of our Fraternity, might the Brother Mason with heartfelt pleasure direct the enquiring eye of those who speak lightly of our Ancient and Honorable Institution, as an evidence, a proud evidence, that our labors are not in vain, that the charity of Masons is something more solid and efficacious than the vain boasting of one of the chief virtues, which distinguish man to many who now hear me. The idea of accomplishing a project so useful and grand may appear extravagant, to them my reply is, that economy and perseverance will accomplish much; look back upon the situation of the Order twenty or twenty-five years ago, (and I see many present who then labored in the Vineyard) and you must be fully satisfied that an undertaking of more magnitude than the founding of an ample edifice for the protection of the Widow and the Orphans of our deceased member is practicable. To the Masons of Maryland no appeal is necessary to confirm the position; the known liberality of every Lodge and Chapter in the State, is the strongest proof we advance in support of the measure; every heart and hand in the good cause would be ready to assist and support the work to completion, and happy will be the heart of every Mason when the day shall arrive, that he is summoned to assist in the celebration of laying the Cap Stone of such a Temple, erected under the auspices of the Grand Chapter and Grand Lodge of Maryland to the genius of Freemasonry.

The joint committee from the Grand Lodge and Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Maryland appointed to confer upon the expediency of uniting the two bodies, beg leave to report:

That in the examination of the subject an impediment to the Union was thought to exist in the allegiance which the Grand Chapter owes to the General Grand Chapter. It is probable however that this difficulty will be removed in the course of this year, as the Septennial Session of the General Grand Chapter will occur in the course of the ensuing fall. The committee can then proceed in the further investigation of the subject, and will report unless otherwise directed, to a future communication of the Grand Chapter.

A Charter was granted for UNION CHAPTER, No. 13, Baltimore.
The Grand Chapter adjourned until 4 P. M.

Wednesday, 4 P. M., May 17th.

The M. E. G. H. Priest read a letter from Comp. John Smart relative to a Chapter working under dispensation at Salisbury, which was laid on the table.

Comp. Eckel presented a communication from Comp. Jesse Green (of Delaware,) praying remuneration for a loan made by him to the Grand Royal Arch Chapter in 1804, which was read and referred to Comps. Steuart, Earnest and Hall.

A communication was received and read from Mount Moriah Lodge, No. 11, covering a resolution of thanks to Comps. Thomas Phenix, Grand Lecturer, for the very able and distinguished manner in which he dis-

charged the arduous duty connected with his office on his visit to said Chapter, also to Comps. Philip P. Eckel and Daniel Kraber for their friendly visit and aid afforded the Chapter on the occasion.

Grand Chapter adjourned until to-morrow evening.

Thursday, May 18th, 1826, 7 P. M.

Comp. Hall, from the Committee of Correspondence, submitted the following:

That the first subject that seems to present itself as worthy of special mention is the protest of the Grand Royal Arch Chapter of the District of Columbia, in relation to the jurisdiction implied by the "style or title" of this Grand Chapter over the District of Columbia.

A proper estimate of Masonic Courtesy dictates the propriety, and no interest of this Grand Chapter forbids the policy of relinquishing part of its style and title at the proper time, and recommended the following:

Resolved, that from and after the meeting of the General Grand Chapter and with its approbation this Grand Chapter shall be known and called by the style and title of the Grand Royal Arch Chapter of the State of Maryland, and that the Grand Seal thereof be changed so as to correspond with the change in name and, provided that this change in style and title shall not be construed to interfere in the least with the jurisdiction of this Grand Chapter in the District of Columbia.

Referring to the memorial from the Grand Chapter of Kentucky, in relation to a dissolution of the General Grand Chapter of the United States, the committee reported the following:

Resolved, that the representatives of this Grand Chapter be instructed to use their exertions at the next Septennial Convention of the General Grand Chapter, to effect such amendments in the Constitution thereof as shall limit within reasonable bounds the prerogatives of Past Grand Officers.

Comp. Barker offered the following:

Resolved, that the Grand Treasurer be and he is hereby directed to subscribe for five shares of the six per cent. stock to be issued by a committee appointed by Enoch Chapter, No. 10, and Columbia Lodge, No. 58, at Frederick. Conditioned that the first instalment shall not be called for or paid until the sum of four thousand dollars shall have been subscribed, and the security mentioned in the proposals issued by the committee for issuing said stock shall have been *bona fide* given.

The Grand Chapter proceeded to the election of officers when the following Companions were elected:—

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| JOSEPH K. STAPLETON | <i>Grand High Priest.</i> |
| EPHRAIM BARKER | <i>D. Grand High Priest.</i> |
| OTHO H. WILLIAMS | <i>Grand King.</i> |
| GEORGE KEYSER | <i>Grand Scribe.</i> |
| THOMAS PHENIX | <i>Grand Secretary.</i> |
| JOHN OGSTON | <i>Grand Treasurer.</i> |

The Grand Chapter then adjourned during the pleasure of the Grand High Priest.

June 19th, 1826.

Comp. Smart, from KING CYRUS CHAPTER* working under a dispensation at Salisbury, appeared with the returns of said Chapter.

* There is no further reference to this Chapter either upon the printed or written records, and it is probable a charter was never issued.

Referred to committee on New Chapters, who subsequently recommended that a Charter be granted forthwith; concurred in.

Comp. Keerl submitted a resolution relative to a dissolution of the General Grand Chapter of the United States which was determined in the negative.

Adjourned until to-morrow evening.

Tuesday, June 20, 1826.

On motion the sum of fifty dollars for each of the representatives was appropriated for defraying their expenses to the General Grand Chapter.

The Grand Officers were then installed, and the Grand Chapter was closed in ample form with an appropriate prayer by the Grand Chaplain.

THOS. PHENIX, *G. R. A. Sec.*

BALTIMORE, *October 25th, 1826.*

The Grand Royal Arch Chapter of the State of Maryland, met this day at the Masonic Hall, in pursuance of an order from the M. E. Grand Priest.

PRESENT :

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| Comps. JOS. K. STAPLETON..... | <i>M. E. Grand High Priest.</i> |
| GEO. KEYSER..... | <i>E. Grand King, p. t.</i> |
| THO. W. HALL..... | <i>E. Grand Scribe, p. t.</i> |
| THOS. PHENIX..... | <i>E. Grand Secretary.</i> |
| JOHN OGSTON..... | <i>E. Grand Treasurer.</i> |
| C. S. WILLIAMS..... | <i>Rev. Grand Chaplain.</i> |
| HENRY LUSBY..... | <i>Grand Janitor.</i> |

The M. E. Grand High Priest delivered the following report, which was read and concurred in.

The undersigned Representatives from the Grand Royal Arch Chapter for the State of Maryland, to the General Grand Chapter of the United States, held in the City of New York, on the 18th of September, 1826, beg leave to report—

That your representatives repaired to St. John's Hall, and were severally introduced to the officers and members of the General Grand Chapter, and they have the pleasure to state, that sixteen Grand Chapters appeared by their proper representatives, and four Grand Chapters by proxy—that after the organization of their body, much business was done touching the welfare and prosperity of Royal Arch Masonry—that the utmost harmony and brotherly love marked the proceedings of this distinguished assembly of Companions. Masons from every section of our wide extended country drawn together, some of them many hundreds, nay thousands of miles, presented to the eye of the beholder, one of the strongest ties which duty could impose. Your representatives beg leave to state, that the memorial from Kentucky being under consideration, a debate ensued, which for a considerable length of time occupied the attention of the General Grand Chapter—the memorial was most ably sustained by the Grand High Priest of Ohio, but the arguments and position were denied and refuted in an appeal from Companion Naff of Massachusetts, and Hunt of Tennessee, which for extent of information, beauty of language and force of argument, has seldom been equalled, and perhaps never exceeded on the floor of a Masonic Assembly; the result was, on the ballot being counted, two in the affirmative, (for the dissolution of the General Grand Chapter,) and 49 negative.

Your representatives further state, that a motion to admit the Grand Chapter of the District of Columbia, into connection with the General

Grand Chapter of the United States, having entire jurisdiction over the District, was objected to by your representatives, and the subject referred to a special committee, who reported that as the Grand Chapter of Maryland had the undoubted right over the several Chapters under her jurisdiction, it was unnecessary and improper to compel her to relinquish any member of her family, but that Maryland should abstain from any further jurisdiction within the District of any other Chapter whatever; and that in common courtesy, she ought to relinquish the title or a part thereof, and conform to the resolution they then offered, "That the Grand Royal Arch Chapter for Maryland, alter her name and seal, so as to admit the Grand Chapter of the District of Columbia in fellowship as an Independent Grand Chapter," which resolution was unanimously adopted.

That a committee was appointed to alter and amend the General Grand Constitution, so as to meet the views of the several Grand Chapters throughout the United States, embracing for one of its objects, a uniform mode of work and regular exchange of proceedings, and representatives; the prevention of itinerant lecturers in the Royal Arch Degree, * * * * and those degrees which are subordinate and dependent thereon.

On motion the following resolution was read and concurred in—

Resolved, That the M. E. Grand High Priest, E. Deputy Grand High Priest and E. Grand Scribe be a committee, for the purpose of adopting a seal for the Grand Chapter of the State of Maryland, in conformity with the change in its style and title, as authorized by the Grand Chapter in September last, and also to provide an engraved plate for diplomas and certificates hereafter to be issued by the Grand Chapter.

The M. E. Grand High Priest submitted a paper, purporting to be an authority to Companion Jeremy L. Cross, empowering him to make, establish and grant warrants of constitution for holding Councils of Royal and Select Masters in certain States therein mentioned, which was read and referred to the M. E. Grand High Priest, E. Deputy Grand High Priest and E. Grand Scribe.

The Grand Royal Arch Chapter then adjourned during the pleasure of the M. E. Grand High Priest.

THO. PHENIX, *G. R. A. Secretary.*

[UNION CHAPTER, No. 13.

Baltimore City.

JOHN D. BABB.....*High Priest.*

CHARLES P. BURROWS.....*King.*

WILLIAM ARMSTRONG.....*Scribe.*

EARLY MEMBERS.

John Morgan, James Cortlan, Simeon Alden, Ephraim Barker, Robert Howard, James B. George, John R. Howard, George Craft, Amos Brown, Edward Hinkley, Jesse Haslip, John Harper, Andrew Ellicott, Jr., Rev. R. H. Davis, John

Hanlin, James Sterett, Owen Morris, Ward Sears, John Fountain, William Parker, David R. Collins.

This Chapter was organized by virtue of a dispensation issued by Grand High Priest Stapleton, and a Charter was obtained at the May, 1826, Communication of the Grand Chapter. It was also short lived, having, as it has been seen, resolved to surrender its Charter May 21, 1828. Neither its records or charter are in the Archives.]

BALTIMORE, *May 23rd, A. L. 5827, A. T. 2827.*

This being the day prescribed by the Constitution, for the meeting of the Grand Royal Arch Chapter of the State of Maryland, the Companions assembled in the Masonic Hall at 10 o'clock, A. M.

Comps. JOS. K. STAPLETON.....*M. E. Grand High Priest.*
 O. H. WILLIAMS.....*E. D. Grand High Priest, p. t.*
 E. STANSBURY.....*E. Grand King, p. t.*
 THOS. W. HALL.....*E. Grand Scribe, p. t.*
 THOS. PHENIX.....*E. Grand Secretary.*
 JOHN OGSTON.....*E. Grand Treasurer.*
 C. S. WILLIAMS.....*Rev. Grand Chaplain.*
 HENRY LUSBY.....*Grand Janitor.*

The following Chapters were represented and paid dues as follows, viz.

Concordia No. 1, C. G. Peters, Samuel Child, Nathaniel Knight, \$19.50.
 No. 2, Elijah Stansbury, H. S. Keatinge, Ephraim Larrabee, \$30.50.
 Phoenix No. 7, Thomas W. Hall, Samuel Keerl, Robert Neilson, \$59.00.
 Potomac No. 8, James King, Francis King, per proxy, \$15.50.
 Jerusalem No. 9, John Huzza, Charles Kernan, John Gill, \$33.00.
 Enoch No. 10, Daniel Kolb, Adolphus Fierhake, Francis Thomas, 17.50.
 Mount Moriah No. 11, Thomas B. Hall, Jacob Wolf, \$25.50.
 Wirgman No. 12, M. S. Baer, Geo. Earnest, Jr., Philip Reigart, \$34.50.
 Union No. 13, John D. Babb, Charles Burroughs, Wm. Armstrong, \$16.50. Total \$251.00.

Companion Hall submitted a resolution, requiring a committee to inquire into certain report, respecting the conduct of the officers of two or three Chapters, under the jurisdiction of this Grand Chapter.

The following Committees were appointed:

On Accounts—Comps. Knight, Reigart, Francis King.

On Correspondence—Comps. Keerl, Stansbury, T. B. Hall.

On Grievance—Comps. Keatinge, Childs, Peters.

The Grand Chapter adjourned until 7 o'clock, P. M.

Wednesday Evening, May 23.

The Grand Chapter met pursuant to adjournment.

The M. E. Grand High Priest delivered a communication which was read; and, on motion, referred to a special committee, consisting of Companions Barker, Keerl, Knight, Hall and J. King.

The Grand Chapter adjourned until 8 o'clock to-morrow afternoon.

Thursday, May 24.

The Grand Royal Arch Chapter met pursuant to adjournment.

A communication was received and read from John McKenney, Master of Mount Ararat Lodge, soliciting contributions to aid in the erection of a Masonic Hall at Bel Air.

Comp. Barker offered the following, which was read and unanimously concurred in :

Resolved, That the Grand Chapter of the State of Maryland contribute the sum of fifty dollars to Mount Ararat Lodge, No. 44, to aid and assist said Lodge in erecting a Masonic Hall in Bel Air: *Provided*, nevertheless, that the M. E. Grand High Priest and officers of this Grand Chapter shall first be satisfied that the title of the building contemplated to be erected shall be vested in Mount Ararat Lodge—and in case of their dissolution shall revert to the Grand Lodge of Maryland.

Comp. Barker, from the committee delivered the following report and resolution, which was read and concurred in :

The committee to whom was referred the communication from the M. E. Grand High Priest, and accompanying documents, upon the subject of the institution and existence of the Select Degree in a state independent of the Grand Royal Arch Chapters in some of our sister States, having obtained such information upon that subject as was within their reach, beg leave to report the following resolution:—*Resolved*, That the following circular letter, signed by our Grand High Priest and countersigned by our Grand Secretary, with the seal of the Grand Chapter annexed thereto, be sent to each Grand Chapter in the United States:—

M. E. Grand Sir and Companion,

I am instructed by the Grand Chapter over which I have the honor to preside, to address you, and through you your Grand Chapter, upon the unsettled state of the Degree of Select Mason—a subject deemed by us of sufficient importance to claim the particular attention of your Grand Chapter.

This Degree existed under the authority of a distinguished chief in the State of Maryland, but without the recognizance of our Grand Chapter, for many years; until, in the year 1824, upon the revision of our Constitution, it appearing evident that the Select Degree not only has an intimate connection with, but is in a measure necessary, as preparatory to and elucidatory of, that of the Royal Arch; it was formally recognized by our Grand Chapter, and required to be given by our subordinate Chapters in its proper order, immediately preceding that of the Royal Arch. Under this arrangement we have since progressed, much to our satisfaction—but it is with regret that we have learned that Councils or Chapters of Select Masons have been established in some of our sister States, *independent of Royal Arch Masonry*, avowedly in pursuance of, but as we are satisfied, through a great mistake or actual abuse of any authority delegated, or meant to be delegated, in relation to the Select Degree. We would therefore beg leave respectfully to recommend to your Grand Chapter the consideration of this Degree, and the circumstances under which it exists, if it does exist, within your jurisdiction; with the hope that you will see it to be for the general interest of the Craft to take the said Degree under your recognizance and control, to whom of right it belongs, and thereby do away what is felt to be a grievance by those distinguished chiefs, whose authority, delegated to a limited extent and for special reasons, has been perverted for sordid purposes, by the creation of an independent order, never contemplated by them; and which we believe to be inconsistent with the spirit and best interest of our institution.

On motion by Companion James King, it was *Resolved*, That new charters be issued to the present Chapters under this jurisdiction, at the expense of the Grand Chapter: *Provided*, they are applied for before the next annual session.

The following Companions, were duly elected Grand Officers for the ensuing year—

JOSEPH K. STAPLETON, Baltimore.....*M. E. Grand High Priest.*
 EPHRAIM BARKER, of Baltimore..*E. Deputy Grand High Priest.*
 OTHO H. WILLIAMS, of Hagerstown.....*E. Grand King*
 GEORGE KEYSER, of Baltimore.....*E. Grand Scribe.*
 THOMAS PHENIX, of Baltimore.....*E. Grand Secretary.*
 JOHN OGSTON, of Baltimore.....*E. Grand Treasurer.*

The Grand Chapter adjourned until 7 o'clock to-morrow evening.

Friday Evening, May 25th.

The Grand Chapter met pursuant to adjournment.

Companion Hezekiah Niles, Past Grand High Priest took the chair and installed the Grand Officers.

The Grand Royal Arch Chapter was then closed in ample form.

TH. PHENIX, *G. R. A. Secretary.*

BALTIMORE, *May 21, 1828.*

This being the day prescribed by the Constitution for the meeting of the Grand Chapter, the Companions assembled in the Masonic Hall in the City of Baltimore at 10 o'clock, A. M.

PRESENT.

Comps. JOS. K. STAPLETON.....*M. E. Grand High Priest.*
 GEO. KEYSER.....*E. D. Grand High Priest, p. t.*
 C. G. PETERS.....*E. Grand King, p. t.*
 JOHN HUZZA.....*E. Grand Scribe, p. t.*
 THOMAS PHENIX.....*E. Grand Secretary.*
 JOHN OGSTON.....*E. Grand Treasurer.*
 MICHAEL S. BAER.....*Grand Marshal.*
 CHAS. S. WILLIAMS.....*Rev. Grand Chaplain.*
 PHILIP REIGART.....*Grand Captain of Host, p. t.*
 HENRY LUSBY.....*Grand Janitor.*

A communication was received from sundry Companions of Jerusalem Chapter, protesting against certain proceedings had in said Chapter, which was read and referred to the Committee of Grievance.

The Grand Chapter then adjourned until 3 o'clock, P. M.

Wednesday Evening, May 23, 1828.

The Grand Chapter met pursuant to adjournment.

Comp. Barker, from the Committee of Grievance, delivered the following report, which was read, laid on the table and the Grand Chapter adjourned until 3 o'clock to-morrow evening.

The Committee of Grievance beg leave to report, that the only subject that has been referred to them is the protest and prayer of a number of members of Jerusalem Chapter, No. 9. On which your Committee do not hesitate to express their opinion, that in the case referred to, the act of Jerusalem Chapter was strictly legal; your Committee are also as decided in the opinion that the act of the minority in protesting against the proceedings in the question was also strictly legal, but that said protest

can only be made in the body of Jerusalem Chapter, that being the only body qualified to judge of the policy of its own proceedings.

Thursday Evening, May 24, 1828.

The Grand Chapter met pursuant to adjournment.

The following Chapters were represented and paid dues as follows :

No. 2, E. Stansbury, Hy. S. Keatinge, E. Larrabee, \$32.50.

Phoenix No. 7, Samuel Keerl, Wm. Norris, Jr., Charles Howard, of John E. \$58.00.

Potomac No. 8, James King, \$15.50.

Jerusalem No. 9, John Huzza, Chas. Kernan, John Gill, \$32.00.

Mount Moriah No. 11, Thomas B. Hall, George Keyser, \$20.00.

Wirgman No. 12, Geo. Earnest, Jr., P. Reigart, F. J. Dallam, \$26.00.

Total, \$184.80.

The following communication was received from Union Chapter, No. 13, which was read and accepted.

DEAR SIR AND COMPANION,

At a meeting of Union Chapter, No. 13, held on 5th February, 1828, the following resolution was passed unanimously :

"*Resolved*, That Union Chapter, No. 13, be dissolved, and the Charter returned to the Grand Chapter."

In conformity to the above resolution I now perform the duty it enjoins, and return to you the Charter of Union Chapter No. 13.

Whilst I regret that one of the younger branches of the Grand Chapter has perished for lack of nourishment, I have the consolation to believe that the parent stem will still receive that support by which it shall flourish in increased vigor and usefulness.

The Officers whose duty it is, will surrender to the Grand Secretary, the property of the Chapter if any.

Respectfully and fraternally yours, JOHN D. BABE,
Late High Priest of Union Chapter, No. 13.

The Grand Chapter proceeded to the election of Grand Officers for the ensuing year, when the following Companions were declared duly elected :

Comps. JOS. K. STAPLETON, of Baltimore... *M. E. Grand High Priest.*

EPHRAIM BARKER..... *E. D. Grand High Priest.*

GEORGE KEYSER *E. Grand King.*

JAMES KING, of Geo. Town, D. C..... *E. Grand Scribe.*

THOMAS PHENIX, Baltimore..... *E. Grand Secretary.*

JOHN OGSTON..... *E. Grand Treasurer.*

Companion Keerl offered the following resolution, which was read and concurred in :

Resolved, That a Committee be appointed to inquire, and report at the next Grand Communication, on the propriety and practicability of so amending the Constitution and regulations which govern Royal Arch Masonry, as to permit the installation of a presiding officer of a subordinate Chapter, without his having previously received the degree of High Priest.

Companion Keyser offered the following, which was read and concurred in :

Resolved, That no Royal Arch Mason without this jurisdiction, shall in future be allowed to visit any subordinate Chapter under this jurisdiction, unless he shall furnish to the Committee of examination, a regular

certificate from some legally constituted Grand Royal Arch Chapter of recent date, or shall be regularly avouched for by one or more members of the Chapter he is about to visit; and that the Grand Secretary of this Grand Chapter, do immediately send a copy of this resolution to every subordinate Chapter under this jurisdiction, and also to the different Grand Royal Arch Chapters throughout the United States.

The following amendment to the Constitution was read and laid on the table:

Resolved, That the time of meeting of this Grand Chapter be changed from the Wednesday following the second Monday in May, to the third Monday in May, and that the sum of ten dollars be allowed to each subordinate Chapter and Grand Officer, not residing in the City of Baltimore, for defraying their expenses in attending.

The Grand Chapter adjourned until half past seven o'clock to-morrow evening.

Friday Evening, May 23d.

The Grand Chapter met pursuant to adjournment.

The amendment to the Constitution offered on yesterday was concurred in.

The Grand Chapter then adjourned until half past 7 o'clock on Wednesday evening.

Wednesday Evening, May 28th.

The Grand Chapter met pursuant to adjournment.

The following officers were installed:

Comps. JOS. K. STAPLETON.....*M. E. Grand High Priest.*
 EPHRAIM BARKER.....*E. D. Grand High Priest.*
 J. OGSTON.....*E. Grand Treasurer.*

On motion it was ordered that Companions Kurtz, M. E. P. G. H. P., Corcoran and Haller or either of them, be requested to instal Companion King in Chapter No. 8, Scribe of the Grand Chapter of the State of Maryland.

Ordered, That the E. D. G. H. P. instal the Grand King and Grand Secretary in their respective Chapters.

The Grand Chapter then adjourned *sine die*.

TH. PHENIX, *G. R. A. Secretary*,
 by T. W. HALL, *G. Secretary, p. t.*

BALTIMORE, *May 13, 1829.*

This being the day prescribed by law for the meeting of the Grand Royal Arch Chapter of the State of Maryland, the Companions assembled in the Masonic Hall.—

PRESENT.

Comps. JOS. K. STAPLETON.....*M. E. Grand High Priest.*
 EPHRAIM BARKER.....*E. D. Grand High Priest.*
 CHAS. HOWARD.....*E. Grand King, p. t.*
 JOHN MILLER.....*E. Grand Scribe, p. t.*
 THOMAS PHENIX.....*E. Grand Secretary.*
 JOHN OGSTON.....*E. Grand Treasurer.*
 REV. CH'S S. WILLIAMS.....*E. Grand Chaplain.*
 HENRY S. KEATINGE.....*Grand Capt. of Host, p. t.*
 HENRY LUSBY.....*Grand Janitor.*

On motion the reading of the proceedings was postponed until this evening.

The Grand Chapter adjourned until 8 o'clock, P. M.

Wednesday Evening, May 13.

The Grand Chapter met pursuant to adjournment.

The following Companions were duly installed,

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| Comps. GEO. KEYSER..... | <i>E. Grand King.</i> |
| JAMES KING..... | <i>E. Grand Scribe.</i> |
| THOMAS PHENIX..... | <i>E. Grand Secretary.</i> |

Companion Keyser presented the Constitution of the General Convention of State Grand Chapters in the United States of America, which was referred to a special Committee consisting of Companions Barker, Hall, Keerl, Reigart and C. Howard.

The Committee of Accounts beg leave to report, that in the discharge of their duty, they have examined the accounts of the Grand Royal Arch Treasurer, and find him chargeable, since the last report, with \$282.17. That he has disbursed since that period, \$225.58 as per vouchers, leaving in his hands, exclusive of the receipts of the present communication, the sum of \$56.59.

They likewise report that he holds Certificates of Masonic Hall Stock, belonging to the Grand Royal Arch Chapter amounting to \$1,550.00.

The following Chapters were represented and paid dues :

Concordia Chapter, No. 1, C. G. Peters, \$24.00.

No. 2, Elijah Stansbury, Henry S. Keatinge and E. Larrabee, \$29.00.

Phoenix Chapter, No. 7, Chas. Howard, of J. E., J. H. B. Latrobe, Wm. Fisher, \$49.50.

Potomac Chapter, No. 8, James King, \$11.00.

Jerusalem Chapter, No. 9, John D. Miller, Samuel Mass, \$29.00.

Wirgman Chapter, No. 12, P. Reigart, John B. Fitzgerald, Henry Green, \$31.00. Total, \$173.50.

On motion by Companion Keerl, it was *Resolved unanimously*, that the resolution purporting to have been passed at the May session, 1828, altering the annual meeting of this Grand Chapter, be declared null and void.

On motion the Grand Chapter adjourned until 5 o'clock to-morrow evening.

Thursday, May 14, 1829.

The Grand Chapter met pursuant to adjournment.

Companion Keerl from the Committee, delivered the following report and resolution, which was read and concurred in :

The Committee appointed at the last Grand Communication "to enquire and report on the propriety and practicability of so amending the Constitution and regulations which govern Royal Arch Masonry, so as to permit the installation of a presiding officer of a subordinate Chapter, without his having previously received the degree of High Priest," respectfully report, that from a minute examination of the proposition contained in the above resolution of last session, your Committee find the subject involved in difficulties which appear insurmountable. If the master elect of a Blue Lodge cannot be installed without his receiving the degree of Past Master, which none can question :—then, in a tenfold ratio, the presiding officer of a Chapter must first have been a regularly anointed High Priest : all the old Constitutions and regula-

tions of Arch Masonry require this, and the landmarks and organization of the Order demand it: to change so vitally the entire Order, must appear to all, not only unadvisable, but not within the power of this Grand Chapter. From this conclusion, which your Committee have come to, they respectfully offer the following resolution:

Resolved, that the Committee appointed as above described, be discharged from the further consideration of the subject.

The Grand Chapter proceeded to ballot for Grand Officers, when the following Companions were declared duly elected:—

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| Comps. JOSEPH K. STAPLETON, of Balto..... | <i>M. E. Grand High Priest.</i> |
| GEORGE KEYSER..... | <i>E. D. Grand High Priest.</i> |
| JAMES KING, Geo. Town. | <i>E. Grand King.</i> |
| THOMAS W. HALL, Baltimore..... | <i>E. Grand Scribe.</i> |
| THOMAS PHENIX..... | <i>E. Grand Secretary.</i> |
| JOHN OGSTON..... | <i>E. Grand Treasurer.</i> |

Companion Barker offered the following resolution, which was read and concurred in:

Resolved, that the Committee of Arrangements, on behalf of this Grand Chapter, for a Dinner on the 4th July last, be authorized to draw upon the Grand Treasurer for the sum of Fifty Dollars, it being this Grand Chapter's proportion of the expenses incurred for music, and for labor and materials in fitting up the splendid Tent used for the occasion.

The Grand Chapter made the following appointments:

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| Comps. Rev. CHAS. S. WILLIAMS..... | <i>Grand Chaplain.</i> |
| HENRY S. KEATINGE..... | <i>Grand Marshal.</i> |
| C. G. PETERS..... | <i>Grand Royal Arch Captain.</i> |
| ELIJAH STANSBURY, JR..... | <i>Principal Sojourner.</i> |
| PHILIP REIGART..... | <i>G. C. 1st Vail.</i> |
| JOHN D. MILLER..... | <i>G. C. 2nd Vail.</i> |
| WALTER BALL..... | <i>G. C. 3rd Vail.</i> |
| EPHRAIM LARRABEE..... | <i>Grand Captain Host.</i> |
| HENRY LUSBY | <i>Grand Janitor.</i> |

Companion Barker from the Committee to which was referred the proposed draft of a Constitution for the General Grand Chapter of the United States, reported the following fundamental principles as guides to regulate the representatives of this Grand Chapter in the General Convention.

1. That the General Grand Chapter being a confederation of the several State Grand Chapters, they should only meet as equals; each State or Grand Chapter having an equal vote, whether represented by the full number of five officers, or by but one. If the vote in the General Grand Chapter is taken *per capita*, instead of by States, two or three Grand Chapters adjacent to the place of meeting, whose representation might be full, would overrule four times the number of Grand Chapters, which from their distance, would generally have but a single representative.

2. To confine the representative or proxy to Grand, or Past Grand Officers, and exclude all High Priests or past High Priests who possess equal Masonic light, would be recognizing a few exclusives; which would not only be odious, but inconvenient, and too restrictive on remote Grand Chapters.

3. The minimum fee for conferring the four degrees, say Mark, Most Excellent, Select and Royal Arch, to be Twenty Dollars, or not less than Five Dollars for any one degree.

4. The General Grand Constitution should include as few details as possible—each State having views and feelings peculiar to itself, should not be embarrassed by too many minute regulations.

5. That no officer or member of the General Grand Chapter should appear and vote at its Communications by proxy, except the representatives of the State Grand Chapters. Past General Grand Officers should not have more than one collective vote; the fact of this being a confederated, and not a consolidated body, should be rigidly maintained throughout the Constitution. Concurred in unanimously.

The Grand Chapter adjourned until 8 o'clock to-morrow evening.

Friday, May 15, 1829.

The Grand Chapter met pursuant to adjournment.

Companion Hall, from the Committee to which was referred the proceedings and By-laws of Templar Chapter, No. 15, now working under dispensation, beg leave to report—That they have carefully examined the same, and are of opinion that unless sundry provisions in the By-laws are abrogated,* a charter cannot be granted to said Chapter, consistent with the ancient Rules and Regulations of Royal Arch Masonry.

Companion Hez. Niles, M. E. P. G. H. P., then installed the Grand Officers.

On motion it was resolved, that the sum of One Hundred Dollars be appropriated for paying the expenses of the delegation to New York.

The Grand Chapter was then closed in ample form.

TH. PHENIX, *Grand Secretary.*

BALTIMORE, *May 19th, 1830, A. T. 2830.*

This being the day prescribed by the Constitution for the meeting of the Grand Royal Arch Chapter, the Companions assembled in the Masonic Hall.

Present—Comp. JOSEPH K. STAPLETON, M. E. Grand High Priest and several of the Companions.

There not being a representation, the Grand Chapter, by order of the M. E. Grand High Priest stood adjourned until half past 3 o'clock to-morrow evening.

* 2d Sec., 4th Article—Unconstitutional—The G. G. Chapter requiring every subordinate Chapter to meet for work, at least once in three months.

6th Article—Objected to—Because it authorizes the payment of moneys to a Body of which this G. Chapter has no knowledge, thereby devoting its funds to other purposes than those of Royal Arch Masonry.

9th Article—Objected to—Because they believe the Chapter cannot exercise the authority of expelling a member without a trial by his Companions.

11th Article—Objected to—Because it recognizes Masonically the existence of a Body unknown to this Grand Chapter, and because it authorizes the admission of members from that Body without ballot or fee.

14th Article, 2d Section—Objected to—Because it forms a compact with a Body unknown to this Grand Chapter, and over which this Grand Chapter has no control, and forbids an amendment of the By-laws, to Royal Arch Masons.

[In the proceedings of Maryland Encampment, No. 1, Knights Templar, under date of February 12th is the following:

WHEREAS, a sufficient number of the members of this Encampment have procured a dispensation from the Grand High Priest of the State of Maryland to constitute a Chapter of Royal Arch Masons, to be called Templar Chapter, No. 15, with the view to unite said Chapter to this Encampment, so far as the nature and government of the two Orders will permit: therefore *Resolved*, That this Encampment approves the institution of said Chapter, and sanctions the proposed union of said Chapter with this Encampment, and that the Committee hereafter appointed to amend the by-laws of this Encampment, be instructed to report such amendments as may be deemed necessary fully to carry into effect the object of this resolution.

As it will be seen, the Grand Chapter refusing to grant a charter, Templar Chapter therefore was never organized.

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May 20th, 1830.

The Grand Chapter met pursuant to adjournment.

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| Comps. JOSEPH K. STAPLETON..... | <i>M. E. Grand High Priest.</i> |
| GEORGE KEYSER..... | <i>E. Deputy Grand High Priest.</i> |
| JAMES KING..... | <i>E. Grand King.</i> |
| THOMAS W. HALL..... | <i>E. Grand Scribe.</i> |
| THOMAS PHENIX..... | <i>M. Grand Secretary.</i> |
| JOHN OGSTON..... | <i>E. Grand Treasurer.</i> |
| E. LARRABEE..... | <i>Grand Captain of Host.</i> |
| HENRY LUSBY .. | <i>Grand Janitor.</i> |

And a due representation.

The following Chapters appeared by their representatives and paid their dues, viz :

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| Concordia No. 1, C. G. Peters, John Hahn, Jacob Deems. | \$16.00. |
| Chapter No. 2, E. Larrabee, E. Stansbury, John Dobbin. | \$21.00. |
| Phoenix No. 7, J. H. B. Latrobe, Jos. Robinson, Wm. Fisher. | \$45.00. |
| Potomac No. 8, Ninian Beall. | \$16.50. |
| Jerusalem No. 9, J. D. Miller, Wm. Bayley, Wm. M. Mass. | \$25.50. |
| Wirgman No. 12, J. B. Fitzgerald, H. Green, Jesse T. Peters. | \$30.00. |
| Total | \$154.00. |

The Grand Chapter then adjourned till half past 7 o'clock to-morrow evening.

Friday Evening, May 21, 1830.

The Grand Chapter met, pursuant to adjournment.

The present M. E. Grand High Priest Jos. K. Stapleton, being elected the M. E. Grand Scribe of the General Grand Chapter of the United States, declined a re-election as Grand High Priest of this Grand Chapter.

The Grand Chapter proceeded to the election of Grand Officers, when the following were elected.

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| Comps. GEO. KEYSER, of Baltimore..... | <i>M. E. Grand High Priest.</i> |
| GEO. W. HALLER, Georgetown.. | <i>E. Deputy Grand High Priest.</i> |
| THOMAS W. HALL, of Baltimore..... | <i>E. Grand King.</i> |
| HENRY S. KEATINGE, " | <i>E. Grand Scribe.</i> |
| THOMAS PHENIX, " | <i>E. Grand Secretary.</i> |
| JOHN OGSTON, " | <i>E. Grand Treasurer.</i> |

The Grand Chapter then adjourned until 8 o'clock on Monday evening.

Monday Evening, May 24, 1830.

The Grand Chapter met pursuant to adjournment.

There not being a representation, the Grand Chapter adjourned until 8 o'clock to-morrow evening.

Tuesday Evening, May 25, 1830.

The Grand Chapter met pursuant to adjournment.

On motion it was *Resolved*, That the sum of twenty-five dollars be appropriated for transcribing the documents of the Council of High Priests, and that the Grand Secretary be authorized to arrange and prepare the same, under the direction of the M. E. Grand High Priest.

Grand Officers were then installed.

The following appointments were made :

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| REV. CHARLES S. WILLIAMS..... | <i>Grand Chaplain.</i> |
| JOHN H. B. LATROBE..... | <i>Grand Marshal.</i> |
| C. G. PETERS..... | <i>Grand R. A. Captain.</i> |
| ELIJAH STANSBURY, JR..... | <i>Principal Sojourner.</i> |
| GEO. EARNEST, JR..... | <i>Grand Captain 1st Vail.</i> |
| JOHN D. MILLER..... | <i>Grand Captain 2nd Vail.</i> |
| WALTER BALL..... | <i>Grand Captain 3rd Vail.</i> |
| E. LARRABEE..... | <i>Grand Captain of Host.</i> |
| HENRY LUSBY..... | <i>Grand Janitor.</i> |

On motion by Comp. Larrabee, the Grand Chapter reconsidered the resolution relative to transcribing the documents of the Council of Priests, which, after some discussion, was determined in the affirmative.

The Grand Chapter having completed their labors, was then closed in ample form.

TH. PHENIX, *Grand R. A. Secretary.*

BALTIMORE, *May 18th, 1831, A. T. 2831.*

This being the day prescribed by the Constitution for the meeting of the Grand Royal Arch Chapter of the State of Maryland, the Companions assembled in the Masonic Hall, at 10 o'clock, A. M.

PRESENT.

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| Comps. HENRY S. KEATINGE.... | <i>M. E. Grand High Priest, p. t.</i> |
| EPHRAIM LARRABEE..... | <i>E. Grand King, p. t.</i> |
| JOHN D. MILLER..... | <i>E. Grand Scribe, p. t.</i> |
| THOMAS PHENIX..... | <i>E. Grand Secretary.</i> |
| JOHN OGSTON..... | <i>E. Grand Treasurer.</i> |
| PHILIP REIGART..... | <i>Grand Capt. of Host, p. t.</i> |
| HENRY LUSBY..... | <i>Grand Janitor.</i> |

And a due representation.

The Grand Chapter was opened in ample form, and proceeded to business.

The M. E. Grand High Priest appeared, and appointed the following committees.

On Accounts—Comp. Reigart, Miller and Dugan.

On Correspondence—Keatinge, Larrabee and Huzza.

On Grievance—Keerl, Peters and E. Stansbury.

On motion, the Grand Chapter adjourned until half past 7 o'clock, to-morrow evening.

Thursday, 19th May, 1831.

The Grand Chapter met pursuant to adjournment.

The following Chapters were represented, and charged with dues, viz:

Concordia No. 1, C. G. Peters, John Hahn, Jacob Deems, \$15.00.

Chapter No. 2, E. Larrabee, E. Stansbury, Jr., Robert Sims, \$25.00.

Phoenix No. 7, Jos. Robinson, Rev. C. S. Williams, Thos. Carroll, Jr., \$41.50.

Potomac No. 8, Ninian Beall, \$11.50.

Jerusalem No. 9, John D. Miller, Wm. Bayley, Wm. M. Mask, \$27.50.

Wirgman No. 12, Jesse T. Peters, F. I. Dugan, Wm. Toy, \$29.50.

Total \$150.00.

On motion, the Grand Chapter adjourned until 8 o'clock on Monday evening next.

Monday, 23rd May, 1831.

The Grand Chapter met pursuant to adjournment.

The Committee of Accounts reported—That they have examined the books of the Grand Treasurer, and take pleasure in stating that all the expenditures are supported by proper vouchers; leaving the treasury a balance of \$15.27, exclusive of the amount vested in Masonic Hall stock.

The Grand Chapter proceeded to the election of its officers for the ensuing year, which resulted as follows:

Comps. GEORGE KEYSER, of Balto....*M. E. Grand High Priest.*
 GEO. W. HALLER, Georgetown..*E. D. Grand High Priest.*
 THOMAS W. HALL, of Baltimore.....*E. Grand King.*
 HENRY S. KEATINGE, of Baltimore....*E. Grand Scribe.*
 THOMAS PHENIX, of Baltimore.....*E. Grand Secretary.*
 CHARLES HOWARD, of Baltimore...*E. Grand Treasurer,*
vice Comp. JOHN OGSTON, who declined a re-election.

Comp. Keatinge from the Committee on Correspondence, delivered a report, which was read and concurred in, and the Grand Chapter adjourned until Thursday evening, at 8 o'clock.

Thursday, May 26th, 1831.

The Grand Chapter met pursuant to adjournment.

By Comp. Phenix, *Resolved*, That a committee be appointed to enquire into the expediency of vesting a portion of the funds of this Grand Chapter in the education of the orphan children of deceased Masons. Committee, Comps. Phenix, Stapleton, Hall, Keerl and Miller.

The Grand Chapter then adjourned until Friday, 3rd June, at 8 o'clock, P. M.

Friday, June 3rd, 1831.

The Grand Chapter met pursuant to adjournment.

The Committee to whom was referred the resolution directing an enquiry to be made into the expediency of apportioning a part of the funds of the Grand Chapter, for the education of the orphans of deceased Companions, respectfully report,

That on a subject of such paramount importance as the education of children, no remarks are necessary from the Committee. Your Committee have only to regret, that the funds of the Grand Chapter are inadequate to embrace the object contemplated by the resolution, on a more extended scale, yet as all great objects (accomplished by men) originated from small beginnings, they fondly hope that the day is not far distant, when the Grand Chapter will not have cause to regret they commenced the good work, and that the same spirit which animated the present session of the Grand Chapter, will continue to exist, until Masonry in Maryland, shall have erected an edifice for herself, worthy of her character and benevolence.

The Public Schools under the patronage of our corporation, are the best adapted, in the opinion of the Committee, for the class of scholars likely to be presented for education; there are several in successful operation, the mode of instruction entirely efficient for junior classes, and the plan economical. At these schools, the Grand Chapter can at present send annually, twenty scholars, at the small sum of four dollars per annum, for each scholar, making a sum total of eighty dollars. That all the Chapters in the city, should be equally participants in the bene-

fits of this benevolent design, the Committee recommend, that each Chapter nominate (to a standing committee to be appointed by the Grand Chapter for that purpose) the children of deceased Companions, candidates for the school, out of which the committee to select such, as in their discretion, they deem most entitled to the patronage of the Grand Chapter.

Your committee, in accordance with this report, submit the following resolutions.

Resolved, That at each annual session of the Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Maryland, there shall be appointed a committee of seven members, to be styled, "The Grand Chapter School Committee," whose duty it shall be to dispose of all applications from the subordinate Chapters, for the benefit of the school fund, appropriated by the Grand Chapter, for the education of the orphan children of deceased Masons, and to superintend the general interests of the Grand Chapter, in this benevolent object.

Resolved, That the Grand Treasurer be, and is hereby authorized and directed, to pay over to the said School Committee, a sum not exceeding ninety-six dollars, annually, arising in part from the interest on the Masonic Hall Stock.

Resolved, That each subordinate Chapter be privileged to send three children to the school designated by the Committee, and to be under the control and government of said Committee, and should any Chapter fail within six months to make a nomination, the committee are authorized to fill the vacancy.

The resolutions were acted upon separately, and concurred in.

The Grand Chapter then adjourned until Friday, 10th inst.

Friday, 10th June, 1831.

The Grand Chapter met pursuant to adjournment.

The M. E. Grand High Priest then announced the following Companions to constitute School Committee. Comps. Thomas W. Hall, Samuel Child, Walter Ball, Thomas Phenix, Philip Reigart, Elijah Stansbury, Jr.

The Grand Officers were then installed.

Companion Peters offered the following resolution which was lost.

Resolved, That the Grand Treasurer of the Grand Chapter pay to the Grand Lodge of Maryland, one hundred and twenty-five dollars, as an equivalent for the continued use and occupancy of the Masonic Hall, by this Grand Chapter, to this time, and that said sum be placed to the credit of each of the Chapters occupying said Hall, in equal proportions.

The Grand Officers made the usual appointments.

No other business having been presented, the Grand Chapter was closed in ample form.

THOMAS PHENIX, *Grand Secretary.*

BALTIMORE, *May 23d, 1832.*

The Grand Royal Arch Chapter, of the State of Maryland commenced its annual session in the City of Baltimore this day,—present, a representation from all the Chapters in the jurisdiction.

On motion Comp. Jos. K. STAPLETON, M. E. P. G. H. P. was called to the chair.

Comps. SAM'L CHILD.....*E. Grand King, p. t.*
 DAVID ATKINSON.....*E. Grand Scribe, p. t.*
 JOHN HAHN.....*G. Capt. of Host, p. t.*

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| Comps. THOMAS PHENIX..... | <i>E. Grand Secretary.</i> |
| CHAS. HOWARD..... | <i>E. Grand Treasurer.</i> |
| HENRY LUSBY..... | <i>Grand Janitor.</i> |

The Grand Chapter was opened in ample form, and proceeded to business.

Comp. Phenix made the following report, which was read and adopted:

The committee appointed at the last session of the Grand Chapter, styled "The Grand Chapter School Committee," respectfully report—

That in accordance with the spirit contained in the resolutions of last session of the Grand Chapter, a circular was addressed to the several subordinate Chapters, directing their attention to the subject, and requesting a nomination of such orphan children for the benefit of the School Fund, as might come under their notice. No application having been made as yet, for the benefit of the fund, it remains in the Treasurer's hands, and as the dividend on the Masonic Hall Stock is paid semi-annually, it necessarily must accumulate.

Your committee, maintaining the same devotion to the benevolent purpose for which this fund was set apart, feel no discouragement because none have embraced the offer, and anticipating still that the Order will ultimately feel a proud consciousness in having done good, recommend a continuance of the fund, and that it be placed in a condition for further increase, offer the following resolution :

Resolved, That the Grand Treasurer be and he is hereby authorized to invest the surplus fund now in his possession, and such as may hereafter be received by him, in Masonic Hall Stock.

Comp. Howard offered the following, which was read and concurred in :

Whereas the General Grand Chapter and Grand Encampment of the U. S. will hold their next regular communication in this city in September next, therefore,

Resolved, That the Grand Officers of this Grand Chapter, be requested to apply to the Grand Lodge for the use of the Masonic Hall for their accommodation.

The Grand Chapter proceeded to ballot for Grand Officers for the ensuing year, when the following Companions were elected :

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| Comps. J. K. STAPLETON..... | <i>M. E. Grand High Priest.</i> |
| GEO. W. HALLER..... | <i>E. D. Grand High Priest.</i> |
| C. G. PETERS..... | <i>E. Grand King.</i> |
| JESSE T. PETERS..... | <i>E. Grand Scribe.</i> |
| THOMAS PHENIX..... | <i>E. Grand Secretary.</i> |
| CHARLES HOWARD..... | <i>E. Grand Treasurer.</i> |

The Grand Chapter adjourned until half past 7 o'clock on Friday.

Friday, May 25, 1832.

The Grand Chapter met pursuant to adjournment.—

The Council of High Priests having business before them of an imperative nature, the Grand Chapter relinquished their right to the use of the Chapter room, and adjourned until Tuesday, 29th instant.

Tuesday, May 29, 1832.

The Grand Chapter met pursuant to adjournment.

Comp. Peters offered the following, which was read and concurred in :

Resolved, That the Grand Treasurer of the Grand Chapter, pay to the

Grand Lodge of Maryland one hundred and twenty-five dollars, and that the same be placed to the credit of the several chapters occupying the Chapter rooms, in *equal* proportions:

No other business claiming the attention of the Grand Chapter, it was closed in ample form.

TH. PHENIX, *G. R. A. Secretary.*

BALTIMORE, *May 22d*, 1833.

The Grand Royal Arch Chapter of the State of Maryland, commenced its annual Session, in the Masonic Hall, in this city, this evening.

PRESENT.

Comps. JOSEPH K. STAPLETON..... *M. E. Grand High Priest.*
 C. G. PETERS..... *E. Grand King.*
 H. S. KEATINGE..... *E. Grand Scribe, p. t.*
 JOHN D. MILLER..... *E. Grand Secretary, p. t.*
 CHARLES HOWARD.... *E. Grand Treasurer.*
 HENRY LUSBY..... *Grand Janitor.*

And a due representation.

On motion, the Grand Chapter adjourned to Friday evening, the 24th inst.

Friday, May 24th.

The Grand Chapter met this evening agreeably to adjournment.

An application was received from Thomas Hayward, and sundry Companions, for a charter for a new Chapter to be located at Cambridge, Dorchester County, to be called LIVINGSTON CHAPTER, No. 14; and on motion it was referred to a special committee: who reported favorably, and a charter was granted.

The Grand Chapter proceeded to ballot for officers for the ensuing year,—when the following Companions were elected:—

Comps. JOSEPH K. STAPLETON..... *M. E. Grand High Priest.*
 GEORGE W. HALLER..... *E. D. Grand High Priest.*
 CHRISTIAN G. PETERS..... *E. Grand King.*
 JESSE T. PETERS..... *E. Grand Scribe.*
 SAMUEL KEERL..... *E. Grand Secretary.*
 CHARLES HOWARD..... *E. Grand Treasurer.*
 J. K. STAPLETON..... }
 THOMAS W. HALL..... } *Trustees.*

The Grand Chapter adjourned during the pleasure of the chair.

SAMUEL KEERL, *G. R. A. Secretary.*

[LIVINGSTON R. A. CHAPTER, No. 14.

Cambridge, Dorchester County.

REV. STEVENS W WOOLFORD..... *High Priest.*

WILLIAM JACKSON, M. D..... *King.*

THOMAS HAYWARD..... *Scribe.*

EARLY MEMBERS.

Nathaniel G. Eccleston, Thomas Breerwood, Ezekiel Richardson, Reuben Tall, Solomon H. Mitchell, Edward P. Lecompte, John Eskridge, Henry P. Geoghegan, James A. Waddell, William Wingate, Rev. John L. Lenhart, James Hammersly, Robert Wallace, William V. Murray, John Brohawn, Thomas Rarnett, John W. Lecompte, Charles W. Reed.

This Chapter, named in honor of Companion Hon. Edmund Livingston, then General Grand High Priest, was organized by virtue of a Dispensation issued by Grand High Priest Stapleton. Its Charter was obtained at the May, 1833, Communication.

May, 1841, a communication was received from a member of the Chapter stating that a meeting had not been held since 1839; that there were no funds to pay the dues, and that it was his opinion that the Chapter could not be sustained. No action was taken upon the communication, and the Chapter was never subsequently represented.

A ledger belonging to the Chapter is in the archives of the present Hayward Chapter, No. 29, at Cambridge, the only property of the Chapter known to be existing.]*

SPECIAL MEETING.

BALTIMORE, *March 14th, 1834, 8 o'clock, P. M.*

The Grand Royal Arch Chapter of the State of Maryland met this evening by special order of the M. E. G. H. Priest.

After much Masonic conversation the Grand Chapter was closed in ample form.

SAMUEL KEERL, *G. R. A. Secretary.*

BALTIMORE, *May 22, 1834.*

The Grand Royal Arch Chapter of the State of Maryland, commenced its Annual Session, in the Masonic Hall, in this city, this evening.

PRESENT.

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| Comps. JOSEPH K. STAPLETON..... | <i>M. E. Grand High Priest.</i> |
| JOHN HAHN. | <i>E. D. Grand High Priest, p. t.</i> |
| WALTER BALL | <i>E. Grand King, p. t.</i> |
| FREDERICK I. DUGAN..... | <i>E. Grand Scribe, p. t.</i> |
| SAMUEL KEERL..... | <i>E. Grand Secretary.</i> |
| CHARLES HOWARD..... | <i>E. Grand Treasurer.</i> |
| HENRY LUSBY..... | <i>Grand Janitor.</i> |

*It is strange that so few records, papers and other properties of the early defunct Chapters are in the archives of the Grand Chapter. It is unaccountable, unless upon the supposition that they were among the records and papers that in 1866 found their way to the paper mills by direction of Grand Master Coates.

E. T. S.

The following Chapters were represented and made their returns:—

Concordia, No. 1, John Hahn, R. Mackubin, L. Silver, \$5.00.
 Jerusalem, No. 9, Walter Ball, Littleton Ayres, C. R. Hardesty, \$18.75.
 Livingston, No. 14, Stephen Woolford, Frederick Clark, \$17.50.
 Potomac, No. 8, George W. Haller, \$11.50.
 Chapter No. 2, David Atkinson, R. Sims, C. S. Davis, \$11.00.
 Wirgman, No. 12, F. I. Dugan, J. J. Speed, P. Reigart, \$9.25.

On motion of Companion Robinson, it was *Resolved*, That those Chapters, working under the jurisdiction of this Grand Chapter, which have failed to make returns according to the Constitution, and in consequence have forfeited their Charters, be allowed until the next Grand Communication to make such returns.

The Grand Chapter adjourned to Tuesday evening, the 3d of June.

Tuesday, June 3, 1834.

The Grand Chapter met this evening agreeably to adjournment.

The Grand Chapter was then adjourned to Tuesday evening the 24th of this month.

Tuesday, June 24, 1834.

The Grand Chapter met this evening agreeably to adjournment.

The Grand Chapter then proceeded to ballot for its officers for the ensuing year, when the following Companions were elected.

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| Comps. JOSEPH K. STAPLETON..... | <i>E. Grand High Priest.</i> |
| GEORGE W. HALLER..... | <i>E. D. Grand High Priest.</i> |
| CHRISTIAN G. PETERS..... | <i>E. Grand King.</i> |
| JESSE T. PETERS..... | <i>E. Grand Scribe.</i> |
| SAMUEL KEERL..... | <i>E. Grand Secretary.</i> |
| CHARLES HOWARD..... | <i>E. Grand Treasurer.</i> |
| JOSEPH K. STAPLETON..... | } <i>Trustees.</i> |
| THOMAS W. HALL..... | |

The Grand Officers then made the following appointments:—

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| Comps. REV. FREDERICK CLARK..... | <i>Grand Chaplain.</i> |
| JOHN H. B. LATROBE..... | <i>Grand Marshal.</i> |
| JOHN HAHN..... | <i>Prin. Sojourner.</i> |
| JOHN D. BABB..... | <i>Royal Arch Captain.</i> |
| ELISHA STANSBURY, Jr..... | <i>Capt. 3d Vail.</i> |
| JOHN D. MILLER..... | <i>Capt. 2d Vail.</i> |
| DAVID ATKINSON..... | <i>Capt. 1st Vail.</i> |
| WALTER BALL..... | <i>Grand Capt. of Host.</i> |
| HENRY LUSBY..... | <i>Grand Janitor.</i> |

Grand Inspectors for the City of Baltimore: Walter Ball, Samuel Child, John D. Babb.

It was then *Resolved*, that Comps. Stapleton, Keerl and Charles Howard be a committee on behalf of this Grand Chapter, to take suitable measures, in conjunction with the Grand Lodge of Maryland, or its Grand Officers, to pay due respect to the memory of our deceased Brother and Companion, the estimable La Fayette.

Adjourned to meet on Friday evening the 27th inst., at half past 8 o'clock.

Friday, June 27, 1834.

The Grand Chapter met this evening pursuant to adjournment.

The Grand High Priest, Grand King, Grand Scribe, Grand Secretary and Grand Treasurer *elect* were severally installed.

The Grand Chapter was then closed.

SAMUEL KEERL, *G. R. A. Secretary.*

Baltimore, May 20th, 1835.

The Grand Royal Arch Chapter of the State of Maryland, commenced its annual session, in the Masonic Hall, in this city, this evening.

PRESENT.

Comps. JOSEPH K. STAPLETON.....*M. E. Grand High Priest.*
 C. G. PETERS.....*E. Grand King.*
 JESSE T. PETERS.....*E. Grand Scribe.*
 SAMUEL KEERL.....*E. Grand Secretary.*
 WALTER BALL.....*E. Grand Treasurer, p. t.*
 HENRY LUSBY.....*Grand Janitor.*

And a due representation.

The Grand Chapter was opened in ample form.

The following Chapters were represented and made their returns:—

Concordia, No. 1, John Hahn, R. Mackubin, L. Silver, \$5.00.

Chapter No. 2, Robert Sims, J. T. Fowler, C. S. Davis, \$11.00.

Jerusalem, No. 9, Walter Ball, L. Ayres, C. P. Hardesty, \$20.50.

Livingston, No. 14, J. K. Stapleton, Tho. Phenix, E. Stansbury, \$6.50.

Potomac, No. 8, William Hayman, \$9.50.

Wirgman, No. 12, F. I. Dugan, J. J. Speed, P. Reigart, \$5.00.

The Grand Chapter then adjourned to meet to-morrow, at 4 o'clock, P. M.

Thursday Afternoon, May 21st, 1835.

The Grand Chapter met this afternoon pursuant to adjournment.

The Grand Chapter then proceeded to ballot for its officers for the ensuing twelve months, when the following Companions were declared duly elected:—

Comps. JOSEPH K. STAPLETON.....*M. E. Grand High Priest.*
 GEORGE W. HALLER.....*E. D. Grand High Priest.*
 CHRISTIAN G. PETERS.....*E. Grand King.*
 JESSE T. PETERS.....*E. Grand Scribe.*
 CHARLES HOWARD.....*E. Grand Treasurer.*
 JOSEPH K. STAPLETON..... }
 THOMAS W. HALL..... } *Trustees.*

Resolved, That such Chapters as have not complied with the resolution passed on the 22nd of May, 1834, be and they are hereby required to show cause why their Charters shall not be recalled and forfeited, agreeably to the provisions of the Constitution; and that the Grand Officers take measures to hear and determine the same, any time previous to the next annual session.

The Grand Chapter adjourned during the pleasure of the Grand Officers.

MASONIC HALL, July 17, 1835.

The Grand Chapter of the State of Maryland, met this evening on the call of the M. E. Grand High Priest.

On motion of Comp. Keyser, it was *Resolved*, That twenty-five dollars be paid by the Grand Treasurer to the daughters of the late Bro. William Belton, to aid them in defraying the expenses of his funeral.

The Grand Chapter was then closed.

SAMUEL KEERL, *G. R. A. Secretary.*

Masonic Hall, December 4th, 1835.

The Grand Chapter of the State of Maryland was especially convened this evening, by order of the M. E. G. High Priest.

The Grand High Priest communicated the fact that the General Grand Chapter of the United States would meet, pursuant to adjournment, at the City of Washington, on Monday next, the 7th instant.

The Grand High Priest being an officer in the General Grand Chapter, Comp. George Keyser, P. G. High Priest will act as his proxy in the General Grand Chapter.

On motion of Comp. Keyser, it was *Resolved*. That the Grand Treasurer pay to the Representatives from this Grand Chapter to the General Grand Chapter of the United States, which meets at Washington, on Monday next, the sum of fifty dollars, to pay the expenses of said representation.

The M. E. the Rev. Paul Dean, G. G. King, of the G. G. Chapter of the United States, and Comp. Edward A. Raymond, M. E. G. H. Priest of the Grand Chapter of the State of Massachusetts, visited the Grand Chapter.

After a prayer from the Rev. Comp. Paul Dean, the Grand Chapter was duly closed.

SAMUEL KEERL, *G. R. A. Secretary.*

BALTIMORE, *May 18th, A. D. 1836.*

The Annual Meeting of the Grand Chapter of the State of Maryland, was held in the Masonic Hall, in the City of Baltimore, agreeably to the Constitution, this evening.

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| Comps. J. K. STAPLETON..... | <i>M. E. Grand High Priest.</i> |
| C. G. PETERS..... | <i>E. Grand King.</i> |
| JESSE T. PETERS..... | <i>E. Grand Scribe.</i> |
| SAMUEL KEERL..... | <i>E. Grand Secretary.</i> |
| HENRY LUSBY..... | <i>Grand Janitor.</i> |

And a due representation.

On motion, the Grand Chapter adjourned to meet on the third Monday of June next, at 8 o'clock, P. M.

SAMUEL KEERL, *G. R. A. Secretary.*

BALTIMORE, *June 20th, A. D. 1836.*

The Grand Chapter met this evening agreeably to adjournment.

On motion of Comp. Hall, the following resolution was passed:—

Resolved. That the authority to revive invalid Chapters, vested in the Grand Officers, be and the same is confirmed, so far as it has been exercised in reference to Phoenix Chapter, No. 7, and that said Chapter be required to make its return during the present session of the Grand Chapter.

The Officers of the Grand Royal Arch Chapter of the State of Maryland, to whom the subject was referred by resolution of the Grand Chapter, passed at its annual meeting, on the 21st of May, 1835, and herewith presented, having heard and deliberated on the reasons assigned by Thomas W. Hall and other Companions of Phoenix Chapter, No. 7, why its returns have not been regularly made to the Grand Chapter, deem them valid and sufficient, and hereby authorize and empower Comps. Thomas W. Hall, Joseph K. Stapleton, Samuel Keerl, Charles Howard, and John Gable, or a majority of them, to revive and reorganize said

Chapter with all its rights, privileges, and property or assets, as if no remissness had occurred in its meetings or returns.

Signed, JOS. K. STAPLETON, G. H. P., C. G. PETERS, G. K.,
JESSE T. PETERS, G. S.

The Grand High Priest having in an eloquent and pathetic manner communicated to the Grand Chapter, the loss which Masonry had sustained in the demise of the General Grand High Priest, the estimable Edward Livingston.

On motion of Comp. Gilman, it was

Resolved, That a committee of three be appointed to report a suitable notice of this bereavement; whereupon Companions Charles Gilman, Samuel Keerl and Thomas W. Hall were appointed.

The Grand Chapter was then adjourned until to-morrow evening at eight o'clock.

Tuesday Evening, June 21, 1836.

The Grand Chapter met this evening agreeably to adjournment.

The following Chapters were represented at this communication:

Concordia, No. 1, \$4.25. Phoenix, No. 7, \$6.00. Potomac, No. 8, \$5.25. Jerusalem, No. 9, \$20.75. Wirgman, No. 12, \$3.85.

The Grand Chapter then adjourned until to-morrow evening at 8 o'clock.

Wednesday Evening, June 22, 1836.

The Grand Chapter met this evening, according to adjournment.

Resolved, That in compliance with the request of the General Grand Chapter of the United States, the sum of twenty-five dollars a year, for the succeeding two years, be and the same is hereby appropriated out of any moneys in the treasury, not otherwise appropriated, towards the increase of the funds of the General Grand Chapter of the United States; and that the Treasurer be and he is hereby directed to notify the General Grand Treasurer of that fact, and to pay over to him or his order the aforesaid sum.

Comp. Charles Gilman, from the committee to whom was referred the subject of an appropriate notice of our bereavement in the death of the M. E. Comp. Edward Livingston, General Grand High Priest of General Grand Chapter of the United States, ask leave to report:

That in the death of Edward Livingston the great family of mankind has sustained a calamity of no ordinary character; and that, although ripe in years and in full fruition of that reward due to a long life of usefulness, the gratitude of the good and virtuous of his fellow-citizens, we cannot but feel that he has been called too soon from amongst us—too early translated to that rest prepared for those whose virtues here entitle them to a place of perennial bliss hereafter.

In him were united exalted genius, profound acquirements, and untiring industry. To ameliorate the condition of his fellow-man, to guide and direct him in the paths best suited to his condition and wants was ever the first, the last, and the chief object of his life. What his vigorous mind conceived his hand was ever ready to execute; and no difficulty or danger was sufficient to divert him from his object. As a patriot his character stands forth conspicuous with that of the firmest and proudest of America's favorite sons. As a civilian he was profound and unrivalled. As a diplomatist, perspicuous and unyielding in his country's cause. In the science of jurisprudence his eagle eye saw the insufficiency, the

misery, and barbarity of principles handed down from the darker ages, and his pen pointed to the remedy. Under his guidance the prison-house became what it ever ought to be, "A School of Reform," and his code of laws may well be said to be the bases of a system by which instruction may be promoted, crimes diminished, and the sum of human happiness increased.

His mind was a store-house of varied, enlightened, and useful knowledge; and his ready genius directed the proper time for energetic action. It was not with him as with many distinguished individuals destined to be great in a single capacity only; for whether in the halls of legislation, the judicial tribunals, the cabinet councils of the nation, or at the courts of the potentates of Europe, his character has alike shone forth as a star of the first magnitude; and ages yet unborn shall hail the name of LIVINGSTON as that of a benefactor of mankind.

Such was Edward Livingston, the statesman, the scholar, the philanthropist—our Companion and Brother. But not such only do we deplore him. It is in another and more intimate relationship that this Grand Chapter, in common with the great Masonic Fraternity, lament his loss. At a time when darkness and doubt hung over the future prospects of Masonry in certain parts of our country, when proscription and persecution went forth at noonday against all who dared vindicate his own and his brother's rights, when the evil passions of man, guided and directed by others, high in power and influence, for the worst of purposes, were exerted against the members of this institution, then it was that he came forward, in the strength of his own character, supported by the integrity of the cause, boldly and fearlessly breasted the torrent of fanaticism and lawless ambition, took upon himself the highest and most responsible office in the institution, and by his dignity and firmness put to silence the clamor of his assailants. To the last period of his earthly existence, he never wavered in his attachment to the Order; but by his countenance and support gave evidence to the world that its tenets are founded upon the immutable principles of benevolence, truth, and justice.

Impressed with these considerations, and as a memorial of respect for departed worth, the members of this Grand Chapter have caused this brief expression of their feeling to be spread upon their records, that future generations may know how sensible we its present members, are of the magnitude of our loss, and how deeply his virtues remain engraven upon our hearts.

Ordered, That the report be published in the public papers of the City of Baltimore, as an extract from the proceedings of the present session of this Grand Chapter; and that the first four Grand Officers be a committee to send a copy thereof to his widow, with a letter of condolence.*

The Grand Chapter then adjourned until Wednesday evening, the 29th instant, for the election of Grand Officers.

* Companion Edward Livingston was the youngest son of the distinguished Robert R. Livingston, Chancellor of New York. He was a member of Congress as early as 1794, from his native State. He removed to Louisiana and was a representative from that State to Congress from 1822 to 1829, afterwards a U. S. Senator and Secretary of State under President Jackson. In 1833 he was sent as Minister to France.

In 1829 he was elected General Grand High Priest, being absent, a communication was issued to the Grand Chapters of Maryland and the District of Columbia to install him, as well also the Hon. Joel R. Poinsett, of Charleston, S. C., Deputy General Grand High Priest.

The installation ceremonies were performed "at a Grand Convention composed of the Grand Royal Arch Chapters of the District of Columbia and of the State of Maryland, held at Freemasons' Hall in the City of Washington, April 3rd, 1830." M. E. Comp. W. W. Seaton presiding, Jos. K. Stapleton, General Grand Scribe, and Comps. George Keyser, Benj. C. Howard and others of Maryland being present.

Wednesday Evening, June 29th, 1886.

The Grand Chapter met this evening according to adjournment.

The Grand Chapter then proceeded to ballot for its Grand Officers for the ensuing twelve months, when the following Companions were declared duly elected:—

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| Comps. JOSEPH K. STAPLETON..... | <i>M. E. Grand High Priest.</i> |
| DANIEL KURTZ..... | <i>E. D. Grand High Priest.</i> |
| CHRISTIAN G. PETERS..... | <i>E. Grand King.</i> |
| JESSE T. PETERS..... | <i>E. Grand Scribe.</i> |
| CHARLES GILMAN..... | <i>E. Grand Secretary.</i> |
| CHARLES HOWARD..... | <i>E. Grand Treasurer.</i> |
| JOSEPH K. STAPLETON..... | } <i>Trustees.</i> |
| THOMAS W. HALL..... | |

Companions J. K. Stapleton, C. G. Peters, and Charles Gilman, being present, were severally installed into the Grand Offices to which they were elected.

After an invocation of a blessing from the Grand Architect of the Universe, the Grand Chapter was closed in due form.

SAMUEL KEERL, *G. R. A. Secretary.*

On Wednesday, May 17th, A. D. 1837.

The Annual Meeting of the Grand Royal Arch Chapter of the State of Maryland was held at the Masonic Hall, in the City of Baltimore, pursuant to notice thereof given.

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| Comps. JOSEPH K. STAPLETON..... | <i>M. E. Grand High Priest.</i> |
| JOHN D. MILLER..... | <i>E. D. Grand High Priest, p. t.</i> |
| C. G. PETERS. | <i>E. Grand King.</i> |
| JESSE T. PETERS..... | <i>E. Grand Scribe.</i> |
| C. GILMAN..... | <i>E. Grand Secretary.</i> |
| HENRY LUSBY..... | <i>Grand Janitor.</i> |

And a due representation from subordinate Chapters.

The Grand Chapter was opened in ancient and ample form.

On motion of Comp. S. Keerl, it was

Resolved, That the reading of the proceedings of the last meeting be dispensed with.

On motion it was

Resolved, That the Grand Chapter do now adjourn to meet again on Tuesday, the 30th day of May instant, at 8 o'clock, P. M.

The Grand Chapter adjourned accordingly.

Tuesday, May 30th, 1837.

The Grand Chapter met agreeably to adjournment, and was called to order.

The M. E. Grand High Priest informed the Grand Chapter that he had received a communication from Comp. Thomas Hayward, on the subject of Masonry, which, on motion, was ordered to be read and placed on file.

The following Standing Committees were then appointed :

On Accounts—Comps. Samuel Keerl, Joseph Robinson and Lewis Silver.

On Correspondence—Comps. C. G. Peters, J. D. Miller and John Robinson.

On Grievance—Comps. C. Gilman, C. G. Peters and John D. Miller.

The Grand Treasurer presented his annual account, which was referred to the Committee of Accounts.

On motion, the Grand Chapter then adjourned to meet again to-morrow evening, at 8 o'clock.

Wednesday, May 31, 1837.

The Grand Chapter met agreeably to adjournment, and was called to order.

The Grand Chapter proceeded to the choice of its Grand Officers for the ensuing twelve months, and the following Companions elected.

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| Comps. JOS. K. STAPLETON..... | <i>M. E. Grand High Priest.</i> |
| DANIEL KURTZ..... | <i>E. D. Grand High Priest.</i> |
| CHRISTIAN G. PETERS..... | <i>E. Grand King.</i> |
| JESSE T. PETERS..... | <i>E. Grand Scribe.</i> |
| CHARLES GILMAN..... | <i>E. Grand Secretary.</i> |
| CHARLES HOWARD..... | <i>E. Grand Treasurer.</i> |
| JOSEPH K. STAPLETON..... | } <i>Trustees.</i> |
| THOMAS W. HALL..... | |

The Grand Officers then made the following appointments :

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| Comps. REV. STEVENS W. WOOLFORD..... | <i>Grand Chaplain.</i> |
| JOHN H. B. LATROBE..... | <i>Grand Marshal.</i> |
| JOHN HAHN..... | <i>Prin. Sojourner.</i> |
| JOHN ROBINSON..... | <i>R. A. Captain.</i> |
| ELIJAH STANSBURY, JR..... | <i>Capt. 3d Vail.</i> |
| JOHN D. MILLER..... | <i>Capt. 2d Vail.</i> |
| DAVID ATKINSON..... | <i>Capt. 1st Vail.</i> |
| WALTER BALL..... | <i>Grand Capt. Host.</i> |
| HENRY LUSBY | <i>Grand Janitor.</i> |

Grand Inspectors for the City of Baltimore : Comps. Walter Ball, Samuel Child.

School Committee: Comps. Joseph K. Stapleton, George Keyser, Christian G. Peters, Charles Howard, Joseph Duncan, Walter Ball, Charles Gilman.

The Grand Chapter then adjourned to meet again on Monday the 5th day of June next, at 8 o'clock, P. M.

Monday, June 5, 1837.

This being the evening to which the Grand Chapter stood adjourned, and there not being a quorum present, it was ordered by the M. E. Grand High Priest that the Grand Secretary give notice that the Grand Chapter will be convened on Wednesday, the 14th day of June, instant, at 8 o'clock, P. M.

Wednesday, June 14, 1837.

The Grand Chapter met this evening agreeably to the order of the M. E. Grand High Priest, and notice given.

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| Comps. JOSEPH K. STAPLETON | <i>M. E. Grand High Priest.</i> |
| CHARLES GILMAN..... | <i>E. Grand Secretary.</i> |
| HENRY LUSBY..... | <i>Grand Janitor.</i> |

And a due representation.

The Grand Chapter then proceeded to the installation of its officers.

Voted, That the Grand Secretary be directed to cause the proceedings of this Grand Chapter for the years 1833 and 1834 to be printed; and to procure twenty copies of all the proceedings, from 1824 up to the present time, to be bound in morocco binding, for the use of the Grand Chapter.

Resolved, That a committee of three be appointed, of which the Grand High Priest be chairman, to have the Chapter room in the Masonic Hall, with its curtains, cleansed and repaired at the expense of the Grand Chapter, in a suitable manner, at the discretion of said committee, provided the expense shall not exceed one hundred and fifty dollars.

Resolved, That the sum of \$35.00, be paid out of any moneys in the Treasury, not otherwise appropriated, to the Grand Secretary for his services in preparing for the press, copies of the proceedings of this Grand Chapter, for the years 1833, 1834, 1835 and 1836.

The Grand Chapter then adjourned during the pleasure of the Grand Officers.

CHARLES GILMAN, *Grand Secretary*.

BALTIMORE, *May 23d*, 1838.

The Annual Meeting of the Grand Royal Arch Chapter of the State of Maryland, was this day held at the Masonic Hall, pursuant to the Constitution, and notice thereof given.

PRESENT.

Comps. JOSEPH K. STAPLETON..... *M. E. Grand High Priest*.
 C. G. PETERS..... *E. Grand King*.
 THOMAS W. HALL..... *E. Grand Scribe, p. t.*
 CHARLES GILMAN..... *E. Grand Secretary*.
 HENRY LUSBY..... *Grand Janitor*.

And a due representation.

The Grand Chapter was opened in ancient and ample form.

A copy of the proceedings of the last meeting of the Grand Chapter being in the hand of each member present, it was

Ordered, That the reading thereof be dispensed with.

On motion it was

Resolved, That the Grand Chapter adjourn to meet again on Monday, the 28th day of May current, at half past 7 o'clock, P. M.

The Grand Chapter was then adjourned accordingly.

Monday, May 28, 1838.

The Grand Chapter met agreeably to adjournment, and was called to order.

The Committee on Accounts, to which was referred the account of receipts and expenditures of Comp. Charles Howard, Grand Treasurer, reported, that they have examined his account for the last year and find it correct; his expenditures being supported by satisfactory vouchers, leaving a balance due the Grand Treasurer of nineteen dollars and forty cents.

The appropriation made by the Grand Chapter, at its last annual meeting, of an hundred and fifty dollars, to repair and refit the Chapter room, in the Masonic Hall, has been expended and satisfactorily accounted for. It has however proved deficient, there being still due on this account to Walter Ball for painting, \$23.41.

Gas Company for repairs of chandelier, &c., \$19.50.

John Robinson for *ditto* to chairs and settees, about (amount not rendered,) \$18.00. Total \$60.91.

To meet this deficiency, a lot of old drapery remains unsold.

The Grand Chapter was then adjourned until to-morrow evening, at 8 o'clock.

Tuesday, May 29, 1838.

The Grand Chapter met agreeably to adjournment, and was called to order.

The Grand Chapter went into an election for its Grand Officers for the ensuing twelve months, when the following were declared elected:

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| Comps. JOSEPH K. STAPLETON..... | <i>M. E. Grand High Priest.</i> |
| DANIEL KURTZ..... | <i>E. D. Grand High Priest.</i> |
| C. G. PETERS..... | <i>E. Grand King.</i> |
| JESSE T. PETERS..... | <i>E. Grand Scribe.</i> |
| CHARLES GILMAN..... | <i>E. Grand Secretary.</i> |
| CHARLES HOWARD..... | <i>E. Grand Treasurer.</i> |
| JOSEPH K. STAPLETON..... | } <i>Trustees.</i> |
| THOMAS W. HALL..... | |

Chapters represented at this communication, having paid all dues, were Concordia, No. 1, Phoenix, No. 7, Jerusalem, No. 9, and Livings-ton, No. 14.

CHARLES GILMAN, *Grand Secretary.*

SPECIAL SESSION.

August 21st, 1838.

At a Special meeting of the Grand Royal Arch Chapter of the State of Maryland, held at the Masonic Hall, by order of the M. E. Grand High Priest, due notice thereof having been given.

PRESENT.

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| Comps. JOSEPH K. STAPLETON..... | <i>M. E. Grand High Priest.</i> |
| C. G. PETERS..... | <i>E. Grand King.</i> |
| WALTER BALL..... | <i>E. Grand Scribe, p. t.</i> |
| CHARLES GILMAN..... | <i>E. Grand Secretary.</i> |
| SAMUEL KEERL..... | <i>E. Grand Treasurer, p. t.</i> |
| HENRY LUSBY..... | <i>Grand Janitor.</i> |

And a due representation.

The M. E. Grand High Priest then informed the Grand Chapter, that the object of the meeting was to make such arrangements as the Grand Chapter might think proper, preparatory to the triennial meeting of the General Grand Royal Arch Chapter of the United States, and in relation to a representation thereto.

After much conversation on the subject, it being deemed expedient that, at least one of the Grand Officers should be present at the meeting who should particularly represent this Grand Chapter, and attend to the interest thereof, on motion of Companion Samuel Keerl, it was

Resolved, That this Grand Chapter will appropriate the sum of fifty dollars towards defraying the expenses of a representative or representatives to the General Grand Chapter of the United States, at its triennial meeting, to be held in the City of Boston, on the eleventh day of September next.

The Grand Chapter was then adjourned during the pleasure of the Grand Officers.

CHARLES GILMAN, *Grand Secretary.*

SPECIAL SESSION.

April 3d, 1839.

At a Special Meeting of the Grand Royal Arch Chapter of the State of Maryland, held by order of the M. E. Grand High Priest, at the Masonic Hall, after due notice given :

PRESENT.

Comps. J. K. STAPLETON.....*M. E. Grand High Priest.*
 C. G. PETERS.....*E. Grand King.*
 JESSE T. PETERS.....*E. Grand Scribe.*
 CHARLES GILMAN.....*E. Grand Secretary.*
 SAMUEL KEERL.....*E. Grand Treasurer, p. t.*
 HENRY LUSBY.....*Grand Janitor.*

And a due representation.

The minutes of the proceedings of the last meeting were read.

The M. E. Grand High Priest communicated to the Grand Chapter, the object of the present meeting, which was to deliberate upon some measure to be adopted in relation to delinquent Chapters, under the jurisdiction of this Grand Chapter.

After much conversation in relation to the matter, and after attentively listening to the several statements of the members of delinquent Chapters present, it was thought advisable to postpone present action upon the subject. Whereupon it was, on motion,

Voted, That when the Grand Chapter should adjourn, it would adjourn to meet again on Monday the sixth day of May next, at half past seven o'clock, P. M.

Ordered, That the Grand Secretary notify the distant Chapters, under the jurisdiction of this Grand Chapter, of the time to which this meeting is to stand adjourned, that they may be present by their officers or representatives, if they see fit, and determine whether they will make their regular returns at the annual meeting of this body in May next; and do such other matters and things as may be necessary to perpetuate their charters.

The M. E. Grand High Priest communicated to the Grand Chapter the fact of the recent decease of Comp. Hezekiah Niles, a Past Grand High Priest of this Grand Chapter, and caused to be read, a letter from Comp. Philip Reigart, announcing to him that fact, and that he died at Wilmington, in the State of Delaware, the 2nd inst. at 2 o'clock, P. M. In announcing this melancholy event, the M. E. Grand High Priest feelingly recalled to the minds of the Companions present the losses we have sustained within the few years past, in the death of some of our most valued associates. A Keyser, a Steuart, a Niles—but as yesterday they were amongst us—now they are numbered amongst those of another sphere! In alluding to the latter, he spoke of his character as a citizen—his worth as a man—his virtues as a Mason—and expressed a wish, that, as a Past Grand High Priest of this Grand Chapter, some special notice might be taken of the event of his death. Whereupon, on motion of Companion Walter Ball, it was

Resolved, That the M. E. Grand High Priest, E. Grand King and E. Grand Scribe be a Special Committee to consider and report at the next meeting of this Grand Chapter, what steps shall be taken to manifest the respect of the Grand Chapter of Maryland for the memory of our late Past Grand High Priest, Comp. Hezekiah Niles.

The Grand Chapter was then adjourned.

May 6th, 1839.

The Grand Royal Arch Chapter of the State of Maryland, met agreeably to adjournment, and was called to order.

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| Comps. J. K. STAPLETON..... | <i>M. E. Grand High Priest.</i> |
| C. G. PETERS..... | <i>E. Grand King.</i> |
| JESSE T. PETERS..... | <i>E. Grand Scribe.</i> |
| CHARLES GILMAN..... | <i>E. Grand Secretary.</i> |
| SAMUEL KEERL..... | <i>E. Grand Treasurer, p. t.</i> |
| HENRY LUSBY..... | <i>Grand Janitor.</i> |

And a representatives from the following named subordinate Chapters:—Concordia, No. 1; Phoenix, No. 7; Jerusalem, No. 9; and Livingston, No. 14.

Further conversation was had in relation to the subject-matter of the special meeting, and such assurances given as to induce the belief that an increased representation will be had at the next annual meeting of this Grand Chapter.

The M. E. Grand High Priest, on behalf of the special Committee appointed at the last meeting to consider and report what steps should be taken to manifest the respect of this Grand Chapter for the memory of our late Companion, Hezekiah Niles, reported the following preamble and resolutions: which report was accepted, and the resolutions adopted.

WHEREAS, it has pleased the Supreme Architect of the Universe to call from earth the spirit of our Comp. Hezekiah Niles, a Past Grand High Priest of the Grand Royal Arch Chapter of the State of Maryland and of the District of Columbia; and the Royal Arch Masons of Maryland, in Grand Chapter assembled, having learned, with heartfelt regret, that melancholy fact, and being desirous to express their respect for the memory of one, who, for many years, was a most active and distinguished Freemason—who, by his example in domestic and public life, has left so favorable and so lasting an impression upon the hearts of all who knew him, and whose death is so sincerely mourned by the society in which he was known:—Therefore,

Resolved, first, That as a mark of respect for the memory of the deceased, the Grand Chapter Room be shrouded in mourning, and that the Officers and members of this Grand Chapter will wear the usual badge of mourning on the left arm for thirty days.

Resolved—secondly, That this preamble and these resolutions be entered upon the records of the Grand Chapter; and that the Grand Secretary, be, and he is hereby directed to forward a copy thereof to the family of our deceased Companion, with an assurance of our condolence for their great and irreparable loss.*

The Grand Chapter was then adjourned until the time of the next annual meeting.

CHARLES GILMAN, *Grand Secretary.*

BALTIMORE, May 22d, 1839.

The annual meeting of the Grand Royal Arch Chapter of the State of Maryland, was held at the Masonic Hall, in the City of Baltimore, on Wednesday, the 22d day of May, A. D. 1839, pursuant to the provisions of the Constitution, and of due notice given.

* A biographical sketch, with a portrait of this M. E. Companion, will be found on page 714, Vol. II, Schultz's History.

PRESENT.

Comps. JOSEPH K. STAPLETON.....*M. E. Grand High Priest.*
 C. G. PETERS.....*E. Grand King.*
 CHARLES GILMAN.....*E. Grand Secretary.*
 HENRY LUSBY.....*Grand Janitor.*

And representatives from the following subordinate Chapters:—
 Concordia, No. 1 ; Phoenix, No. 7 ; Jerusalem, No. 9 ; Livingston, No. 14.

The M. E. Grand High Priest suggested that as the Grand Lodge of the State of Maryland was then in session, and as many of the members of the Grand Chapter were also members of the Grand Lodge, it might be expedient to adjourn the Grand Chapter to some more convenient day. Whereupon, on motion, the Grand Chapter was adjourned to meet again on Monday, the 27th instant, at 8 o'clock, P. M.

Monday, May 27th, 1839.

The Grand Chapter met this evening, agreeably to adjournment.

The M. E. Grand High Priest appointed the following Standing Committees:—

On Accounts—Comps. S. Keerl, Jos. Robinson, W. Ball.

On Correspondence—Comps. C. G. Peters, J. D. Miller, M. Dorsey.

On Grievance—Comps. John Hahn, S. Keerl, C. Gilman.

On motion, it was

Resolved, That the Grand Chapter will go into an election of the Grand Officers for the ensuing twelve months, to-morrow evening at 9 o'clock.

The Grand Chapter, on motion, was then adjourned until to-morrow evening at 8 o'clock.

Tuesday May 28th, 1839.

The Grand Chapter met agreeably to adjournment.

Committee on Accounts reported that they had examined the account of the Grand Treasurer, Comp. Charles Howard, and find it correct—His expenditures are supported by proper vouchers; leaving in his hands a balance of ninety-one dollars and nineteen cents, exclusive of his receipts at the present Grand Communication.

The Grand Chapter proceeded to an election of its Grand Officers for the ensuing twelve months, when the following named Companions were declared to be duly elected:

Comps. JOSEPH K. STAPLETON.....*M. E. Grand High Priest.*
 THOMAS HAYWARD.....*E. D. Grand High Priest.*
 C. G. PETERS.....*E. Grand King.*
 JESSE T. PETERS.....*E. Grand Scribe.*
 CHARLES GILMAN.....*E. Grand Secretary.*
 CHARLES HOWARD.....*E. Grand Treasurer.*

Thomas W. Hall and Joseph K. Stapleton, Trustees.

The Grand Officers *elect*, except Comp. Thomas Hayward, who was not present, were then duly installed into their respective offices.

The Grand Chapter was then closed in due and ample form, with solemn prayer from Companion Walter Ball.

CHARLES GILMAN, *Grand Secretary.*

May 20th, 1840.

The Annual Meeting of the Grand Royal Arch Chapter of the State of Maryland was held at the Masonic Hall, in the City of Baltimore, on

Wednesday, May 20th, A. D. 1840, pursuant to the provisions of the Constitution and of due notice given.

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| Comps. JOSEPH K. STAPLETON..... | <i>M. E. Grand High Priest.</i> |
| CHRISTIAN G. PETERS..... | <i>E. Grand King.</i> |
| WALTER BALL, <i>as</i> | <i>E. Grand Scribe.</i> |
| CHARLES GILMAN..... | <i>E. Grand Secretary.</i> |
| JOSEPH ROBINSON..... | <i>E. Grand Marshal.</i> |
| JOHN HAHN..... | <i>E. Grand R. A. Captain.</i> |
| JOHN D. MILLER, <i>as</i> | <i>E. Grand Capt. 3d Vail.</i> |
| DAVID ATKINSON, <i>as</i> | <i>E. Grand Capt. 2d Vail.</i> |
| THOMAS W. HALL, <i>as</i> | <i>E. Grand Capt. 1st Vail.</i> |
| LITTLETON AYRES..... | <i>E. Grand Capt. of Host.</i> |
| HENRY LUSBY..... | <i>Grand Janitor.</i> |

And a due representation of Chapters.

The M. E. Grand High Priest then informed the Grand Chapter, that, since the last meeting, upon application of certain R. A. Masons of the City of Washington, in the District of Columbia, he had granted a dispensation to Comp. Robert Keyworth and others, enabling them to institute and hold a Royal Arch Chapter in that place, to the present time, by the name of Columbia Chapter; and that the said Chapter was then represented by its officers in the Grand Chapter.

By direction of the Chair, the Grand Secretary then read the petition of Robert Keyworth and others above mentioned.

Whereupon Comp. Robert Keyworth, High Priest of Columbia Chapter, addressed the Chair, tendered the proceedings of the said Chapter for the consideration of the Grand Chapter, and prayed for a perpetual Charter.

On motion of Comp. Hall, it was

Ordered, That the proceedings of Columbia Chapter, and the further application of its officers, be referred to a Special Committee, who subsequently reported that they had found them regularly and correctly kept, and recommend that a Charter be granted to said Chapter.

Ordered, That a Charter issue accordingly as COLUMBIA R. A. CHAPTER No. 15.

The Grand Chapter was then adjourned to meet again to-morrow evening at half past 7 o'clock.

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Thursday, May 21st, 1840.

The Grand Chapter met agreeably to adjournment, and was opened in due and ample form.

Comp. Bayley offered the following resolution, which was passed unanimously:—

Resolved, That this Grand Chapter remit all the dues that may be standing against Potomac Chapter, No. 8, up to 1840.

At the request of the Officers elect of Columbia Chapter, No. 15, Comp. Robert Keyworth, High Priest, Comp. J. P. Van Tyne, King, and Comp. William Greer, Secretary, were severally duly installed into their respective offices in said Chapter.

Comp. Bayley offered the following resolution which was passed:—

Resolved, By the Grand Chapter of Maryland, that the Grand Secretary be instructed to address a letter under seal of this Grand Chapter, to James Gettys, late Secretary of Potomac Chapter, No. 8, directing him

to deliver to the present High Priest of said Chapter, John Myers, all books, and other property in his possession, belonging to said Chapter.

The Grand Chapter proceeded to the election of Grand Officers for the ensuing twelve months, when the following Companions were found duly elected.

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| JOS. K. STAPLETON, of Baltimore..... | <i>M. E. Grand High Priest.</i> |
| WALTER BALL " | <i>E. D. Grand High Priest.</i> |
| CHRISTIAN G. PETERS, " | <i>E. Grand King.</i> |
| JAMES KING, of Georgetown..... | <i>E. Grand Scribe.</i> |
| CHARLES GILMAN, of Baltimore..... | <i>E. Grand Secretary.</i> |
| CHARLES HOWARD, " | <i>E. Grand Treasurer.</i> |
| JOSEPH K. STAPLETON..... | } <i>Trustees.</i> |
| THOMAS W. HALL..... | |

The Grand Chapter then adjourned to meet again on Monday evening next, at half past 7 o'clock.

Monday, May 25th, 1840.

The Grand Chapter met agreeably to adjournment, and was called to order.

The following Companions were appointed Grand Inspectors:—Littleton Ayres, Samuel Child, for Baltimore; William Jackson, for Dorchester County; Robert Keyworth, for District of Columbia.

The following Companions were appointed as the School Committee: Joseph K. Stapleton, Charles Howard, Charles Gilman, Joseph Robinson, Walter Ball, William Bayley.

Resolved, That the Grand Secretary be, and he is hereby directed, to demand and receive the Charters of Chapter No. 2, and of Wirgman Chapter No. 12, now forfeited, either in person or by proxy, deposit the same together with the books, papers, jewels and implements, in the archives of the Grand Chapter, and if that demand be not complied with, the Grand Secretary report the fact to the Grand High Priest, who shall immediately convoke the Grand Chapter.

Resolved, That the M. E. Grand High Priest be, and he is hereby authorized and empowered to grant dispensations of revivor, until the next convocation of the Grand Chapter, to either of the annulled Chapters, if requested, and in his opinion, the interests of Masonry will be thereby promoted.

The Grand Chapter was then adjourned, during the pleasure of the Grand Officers.

CHARLES GILMAN, *Grand Secretary.*

[COLUMBIA R. A. CHAPTER, No. 15.]

Washington, District of Columbia.

- *ROBERT KEYWORTH.....*High Priest.*
- *J. P. VAN TYNE.....*King.*
- *CHAS. ROSENTHAL.....*Scribe.*
- *WILLIAM GREER.....*Secretary.*

EARLY MEMBERS.

*Robert B. Boyd, *James H. Birch, *James Laurenson, *John Robinson, *David J. Ross, *J. W. Williams, James Jack, James Sloan, Peter Bergman, W. C. Choate, James S. Hall, Samuel Walker, John A. Young, L. C. F. Fatio, Michael Reinhardt, Albion Hurdle, Joseph K. Boyd, James S. Magee, J. T. Ellwood, William Patton, John Reese, John McDuell, Calhoun M. Derringer, William B. Lewis, Benjamin B. French, Ezra Williams.

A Dispensation was granted by Grand High Priest Stapleton, dated January 24th, 1840, for the formation of this Chapter. On the following day the Chapter was organized, and Officers as above were selected. A Charter was granted May 20th, 1840, and the Chapter at once entered upon a prosperous existence. In 1867, in connection with Washington, No. 16, and Mount Vernon, No. 20, it assisted in the organization of the Grand Chapter of the District of Columbia, and is existing as Columbia Chapter, No. 1, under that jurisdiction.]

[A Special Convocation was held by order of the Grand High Priest August 21st, 1840, to receive and act upon a communication received from Comp. Philip Reigart, preferring charges of unmasonic conduct against Comp. Wm. Ogden Niles. The charges were, the using of improper and threatening language by Niles to Reigart on the public streets.

After the reading of the communication the Secretary was ordered to summon the two Companions to attend an adjourned meeting on the 26th, at which time, after hearing a statement of Comp. Niles, the subject was referred to a committee of five, to report at an adjourned meeting. The committee reported November 12th, and recommended resolutions to the effect, that Comp. Niles "be required to make suitable apology in open Grand Chapter to Comp. Reigart for his ungentlemanly and unmasonic conduct." At an adjourned meeting, November 14th, Comp. Niles made the apology required, acceptably to the Grand Chapter and the offended Companion.

At this meeting Rev. Paul Dean, General Grand High Priest of the General Grand Chapter, was present.]

BALTIMORE, *May 19th, A. T. 2841.*

The Anniversary Meeting of the Grand Royal Arch Chapter of the State of Maryland, was held at the Masonic Hall on this day, Wednesday.

* Charter Members.

day, 19th May, A. T. 2841—pursuant to the provisions of the Constitution and due notice given.

PRESENT.

Comps. JOSEPH K. STAPLETON.....*M. E. Grand High Priest.*
 C. G. PETERS.....*E. Grand King.*
 JAMES KING.....*E. Grand Scribe.*
 CHARLES GILMAN.....*M. Grand Secretary.*
 HENRY LUSBY*Grand Janitor.*

The following named subordinate Chapters were represented, and paid dues at this meeting:—Concordia Chapter, No. 1, Fees paid, \$8.75. Phoenix Chapter, No. 7, \$3.50. Potomac Chapter, No. 8, \$7.50. Columbia Chapter, No. 15, \$5.75.

A communication was received from Livingston Chapter, No. 14, stating that the members of that Chapter had not held a meeting since 1839, that they had no funds with which to pay their dues, and that he was of opinion that the Chapter could not be sustained.

The Grand Chapter was then adjourned to meet at 5 o'clock, P. M. to-morrow, the 20th of May.

Thursday, May 20th, A. T. 2841.

The Grand Chapter met pursuant to adjournment, at 5 o'clock, P. M. in the Masonic Hall.

On motion, *Resolved*, That the Grand Secretary address a letter to Livingston Chapter, advising and encouraging the members to persevere in their Masonic labors, and to endeavor to revive their Chapter.

The Committee of Correspondence made the following report, which was read and accepted :

The Committee of Correspondence beg leave to report, that they have examined the proceedings of the Grand Chapters of Massachusetts, Virginia, Alabama, Tennessee, New Hampshire and New York, and Columbia Chapter, No. 15 ; and recommend that they be laid up in the archives of this Grand Chapter.

(Signed)

ROB. KEYWORTH, JOS. ROBINSON.

The Grand Chapter then proceeded to the election of Grand Officers for the ensuing twelve months, whereupon the following Companions were duly elected.—(Companion Charles Gilman, Grand Secretary, having declined being re-elected.)

Comps. JOS. K. STAPLETON.....*M. E. Grand High Priest.*
 WALTER BALL.....*E. Deputy Grand High Priest.*
 C. G. PETERS.....*E. Grand King.*
 JAMES KING.....*E. Grand Scribe.*
 JOSEPH ROBINSON.....*E. Grand Secretary.*
 CHARLES HOWARD.....*E. Grand Treasurer.*

The Grand Officers present were then severally installed in their respective offices

The Grand Chapter then adjourned to meet on Wednesday evening next, at 8 o'clock.

CHARLES GILMAN, *Grand Secretary.*

Wednesday, May 26th, A. T. 2841.

The Grand Chapter met pursuant to adjournment, at 8 o'clock, P. M. Without doing any business, the Grand Chapter adjourned to meet on Friday next, at half past 7 o'clock, P. M.

Friday, May 28th, A. T. 2841.

The Grand Chapter met pursuant to adjournment, at half past 7 o'clock, P. M.

Comp. Gilman offered the following resolution, which was adopted,

Resolved, That a Committee to consist of three Companions be appointed to procure a set of Jewels for the Grand Chapter, provided the same does not cost more than \$125, and that they be authorized to draw on the Grand Treasurer for the necessary expense.

On motion, *Resolved*, That fifty copies of the Diplomas of the Grand Chapter be printed, if the plate can be procured, and that the Grand Secretary draw on the Grand Treasurer for the expense.

On motion, *Resolved*, That the Grand Chapter adjourn during the pleasure of the Grand Officers, and it was adjourned accordingly.

JOS. ROBINSON, *Grand Secretary*.

MASONIC HALL, BALTIMORE, *Wednesday, May 16, A. T. 2842.*

The Annual meeting of the Grand Royal Arch Chapter of the State of Maryland, was held in the Masonic Hall, in the City of Baltimore, this evening, at 7 o'clock.

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| Comps. JOS. K. STAPLETON..... | <i>M. E. Grand High Priest.</i> |
| C. G. PETERS..... | <i>E. Grand King.</i> |
| JAMES KING..... | <i>E. Grand Scribe.</i> |
| JOS. ROBINSON..... | <i>E. Grand Secretary.</i> |
| THOS. W. HALL..... | <i>E. Grand Treasurer, p. t.</i> |
| HUGH DEVALLIN. | <i>Grand Capt. Host.</i> |
| HENRY LUSBY.. | <i>Grand Janitor.</i> |

And a due representation of Chapters.

The Grand Secretary begs leave to Report, that immediately after the close of the last Annual Convocation, he addressed letters of appointment to all the officers of the Grand Chapter, informing them of their appointment to their respective offices.—He has had printed the usual number of copies of the minutes of proceedings, and sent them to the several Chapters working under this jurisdiction, and to the Grand Chapters in correspondence with this Grand Chapter.

The Grand Secretary has much pleasure in informing the Grand Chapter, that the plate for diplomas, belonging to the Grand Chapter, so long considered to be lost, was found in possession of the person who heretofore printed the diplomas.—In conformity with the resolution passed at the last session, he has had fifty copies of the diplomas printed, and is now prepared to issue them to any R. A. M. upon proper application.—He has, since the last communication, issued diplomas to Companions C. G. Peters, of Concordia Chapter, and G. Schwarz and Elias H. Pugh, of Jerusalem Chapter.

The Grand Secretary, in compliance with a resolution of the Grand Chapter, addressed a letter to the officers and members of Livingston Chapter, enclosing the proceedings of the Grand Chapter, and urging them to persevere in the labors of Masonry, and to endeavor to resuscitate their Chapter.

No other official duties have devolved upon him, except that of accompanying the Grand Officers in an official visit to Jerusalem Chapter, No. 9, on the 19th May, inst., when the officers of that Chapter were severally duly installed by the M. E. Grand High Priest, assisted by the Grand Officers.

The following decree and recommendation of M. E. D. G. G. Priest of the G. G. Chapter of the United States, was read and ordered to be recorded among the proceedings.

Whereas, The General Grand Chapter of the United States, at a triennial meeting held in the City of New York, on the 14th day of September, 1841, among other proceedings.—“*Resolved*, That the D. G. G. High Priest take the necessary steps to place that part of the District of Columbia, which formerly belonged to the State of Maryland, under the jurisdiction of the Grand Chapter of Maryland; and, at his discretion, to heal and legalize, in such mode as he may think proper, any irregularities in the issuing of any charter held by the said Chapters, or either of them, or in the proceedings of said Chapters, or either of them, upon their submitting to his requirements:—

Now, therefore, I, Joseph K. Stapleton, D. G. G. High Priest of the General Grand Chapter of the United States, do, by virtue of the power in me vested, *make known to all whom it may or doth concern*, that the Chapter held in the City of Washington, and registered as Columbia Chapter, No. 15, on the records of the Grand Chapter of Maryland, is hereby duly acknowledged a true and lawful Chapter of Royal Arch Masons, any irregularities, at the time of issuing the charter, notwithstanding. And I do hereby recommend that the said portion of the District of Columbia, formerly a part of the State of Maryland, be received and acknowledged, as lawfully belonging to the Grand Royal Arch Chapter of the State of Maryland, with full power to exercise jurisdiction therein.

JOS. K. STAPLETON, D. G. G. H. P. U. States.

The Grand Chapter then adjourned to meet on Thursday evening next, at half-past 7 o'clock.

Thursday, May 19, 1842.

The Grand Chapter met at half-past 7 o'clock, pursuant to adjournment.

The M. E. Grand High Priest delivered the following address :

Companions, * * * * Since our last Convocation, I am pleased to find a general increase and prosperity among our Sister Grand Chapters, as will appear more fully by the printed proceedings referred to your consideration; indeed throughout the whole Union it is apparent that our Institution is awakening from that lethargic slumber which has for some years past pervaded over our beloved country, and I am gratified in the assurance that in our own Maryland, the Craft look forward to brighter and happier days.

In September last, I met the General Grand Chapter of the United States at the City of New York, and as your representative, I trust, discharged the duty of parental care towards this body, which has so long honored me with this distinguished mark of its attachment and regard. In reporting on the state of Masonry as one of the General Grand Officers, I was in duty obliged to make known the condition of Royal Arch Masonry in the District of Columbia. The report of the several General Grand Officers being referred to a special committee on the general state of Masonry, resulted in the proceeding already communicated to you on this subject.

Thus you see, Companions, the old and respected portion of the State, lying within the District of Columbia, is again placed under the jurisdiction of the Grand Chapter of Maryland, and it is impossible to revert to this *Union* of Royal Arch connexion without entertaining the fond hope that our intercourse with this portion of the District, will again

afford us the most lively and friendly intimacy with Companions residing therein.

Agreeably to the resolutions of this Grand Chapter, the furniture of the Chapter room has been cleansed and repaired, and the collars and jewels ordered for the respective officers of this Grand Chapter have been procured, the bills and vouchers for which will be duly laid before you.

I have further to report, that in the latter part of March, in accordance with the wishes, and at the request of my Companions in office, I issued a warrant on the Grand Treasurer for the sum of twenty-five dollars, and presented the same to an *old and distinguished Royal Arch Mason*, (whom the dispensation of Providence had thrown on the sacred regard of his Companions,) to enable him to go on his journey to a distant land, where he might again find a home and resources among friends and brothers in the exercise of those ample talents which has heretofore distinguished this Companion. * * *

Companion Gilman offered the following resolution, which was read and adopted:

Resolved, That this Grand Chapter accept the jurisdiction of that portion of the District of Columbia which formerly belonged to the State of Maryland, transferred by the General Grand Chapter of the United States through its D. G. G. High Priest.

The Grand Chapter then adjourned to Saturday next, at half past 7 o'clock, P. M.

Saturday, May 21, 1842.

The Grand Chapter met pursuant to adjournment.

The Grand Inspectors for the District of Columbia respectfully begs leave to report, that all the Chapters in the District, working under the jurisdiction of this Grand Chapter, are in a thriving and prosperous condition.

ROBERT KEYWORTH, *G. Inspector.*

The Grand Chapter then adjourned to Monday evening, at half past 7 o'clock.

Monday, May 23, 1842.

The Grand Chapter met pursuant to adjournment.

The amendment proposed at the last meeting to the 5th Article of the Constitution, was taken up and adopted unanimously, as follows:

It is proposed to amend the 2d Article of the Constitution of this Grand Chapter, by striking out all after the word "Baltimore," and inserting the following: "On the third Monday in November annually. *Provided*, That the next meeting under this amendment shall be held in November next."

Companion Hall offered the following resolution, which was adopted:

Whereas, the Grand Chapter has, by altering its Constitution, required that the next meeting of the Grand Chapter shall take place in November next, and annually thereafter. Be it therefore,

Resolved, That the Grand Officers to be elected this evening, be elected to serve until the meeting in November next.

The Grand Chapter then proceeded, to elect Grand Officers for the ensuing six months, when the following were elected.

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| Comps. JOS. K. STAPLETON..... | <i>M. E. Grand High Priest.</i> |
| THOMAS W. HALL..... | <i>E. D. Grand High Priest.</i> |
| C. G. PETERS..... | <i>E. Grand King.</i> |
| JAMES KING..... | <i>E. Grand Scribe.</i> |
| JOS. ROBINSON..... | <i>E. Grand Secretary.</i> |
| CHARLES HOWARD..... | <i>E. Grand Treasurer.</i> |

Companions Jos. K. Stapleton and Thomas W. Hall were elected Trustees.

The Grand Chapter then adjourned to Monday next, at half past 7 o'clock, P. M., for the purpose of installing the Grand Officers.

Monday, May 30, 1842.

The Grand Chapter was not opened this evening, in consequence of not being able to obtain the room. The M. E. Grand High Priest ordered that it should meet on Monday next, the 6th June, at half past 7 o'clock, P. M.

Monday, June 6th, 1842.

The Grand Chapter met at half past 7 o'clock, P. M.

The following Grand Officers were installed.

Comps. JOS. K. STAPLETON.....*M. E. Grand High Priest.*
 THOS. W. HALL.....*E. D. Grand High Priest.*
 JOS. ROBINSON.....*E. Grand Secretary.*

On motion of Comp. Gilman, it was

Ordered, That Potomac Chapter, No. 8, be requested to install the E. Companion James King, of Georgetown, as Grand Scribe of the Grand Chapter of the State of Maryland, at such time as may suit their and his convenience, and that the Grand Secretary be directed to communicate this Order to said Chapter.

On motion it was

Ordered, That Phoenix Chapter, No. 7, install Companion Charles Howard, as Grand Treasurer, at such time as may suit his and its convenience, and that the Grand Secretary notify said Chapter of this Order.

No further business offering, the Grand Chapter was adjourned during the pleasure of the M. E. Grand High Priest.

Thursday, July 28, 1842.

The Grand Chapter met at 8 o'clock, P. M. by order of the M. E. Grand High Priest, due notice having been sent to all the Grand Officers and Chapters under its jurisdiction.

The following named subordinate Chapters were represented, and paid dues at this meeting:—

Concordia Chapter, No. 1. Phoenix Chapter, No. 7. Potomac Chapter, No. 8. Jerusalem Chapter, No. 9. Columbia Chapter, No. 15. Total dues, \$53.00.

The Grand Chapter having finished all the business of the session was closed with the usual ceremonies.

JOS. ROBINSON, *Grand Secretary.*

MASONIC HALL, BALTIMORE, 21st Nov., 1842.

This being the time prescribed by the Constitution for the meeting of the Grand Royal Arch Chapter of the State of Maryland, the Companions assembled in the Masonic Hall, at 7 o'clock, P. M.

PRESENT.

Comps. JOSEPH K. STAPLETON.....*M. E. Grand High Priest.*
 C. G. PETERS.....*E. Grand King.*
 CHARLES GILMAN.....*E. Grand Scribe, p. l.*
 JOS. ROBINSON.....*E. Grand Secretary.*

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| Comps. T. W. HALL..... | <i>E. Grand Treasurer, p. t.</i> |
| J. D. BABB..... | <i>Grand Capt. Host.</i> |
| HENRY LUSBY..... | <i>Grand Janitor.</i> |

And representatives and P. High Priests from Chapters Nos. 1, 7, 9 and 15.

Resolved, That the proper dues payable at this communication, according to the Constitution, are 25 cents for each member of a Chapter.

On motion of Comp. Courtney,

Resolved, That the Grand Chapter at its last communication, having so altered the Constitution as to require that the next communication be held in November instead of May, (leaving an interval of only six months,) one-half the dues enacted by the Constitution be and they are hereby remitted.

The M. E. Grand High Priest appointed the Standing Committees, as follows:

Committee of Accounts—Comps. Keerl, Courtney and Babb.

Committee of Correspondence—Comps. Keyworth, Gilman and C. G. Peters.

Committee of Grievance—Comps. Harrington, Miller and Atkinson.

The Grand Chapter then adjourned till to-morrow evening, at 7 o'clock.

Tuesday, 22d Nov., 2842.

The Grand Chapter met pursuant to adjournment, at 7 o'clock, P. M.

The Grand Chapter then proceeded to elect the Grand Officers for the ensuing twelve months, when the following were elected:

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| Comps. J. K. STAPLETON..... | <i>M. E. Grand High Priest.</i> |
| WALTER BALL..... | <i>E. D. Grand High Priest.</i> |
| C. G. PETERS..... | <i>E. Grand King.</i> |
| ROB. KEYWORTH..... | <i>E. Grand Scribe.</i> |
| JOS. ROBINSON..... | <i>E. Grand Secretary.</i> |
| SAMUEL CHILDS..... | <i>E. Grand Treasurer.</i> |

After the election, the M. E. Grand High Priest addressed the Grand Chapter.

The Grand Chapter then adjourned till to-morrow evening at 7 o'clock.

Wednesday, Nov. 23d, 2842.

The Grand Chapter met pursuant to adjournment, at 7 o'clock, P. M.

Companion Child, Grand Treasurer elect, having declined to serve, the Grand Chapter accepted his resignation.

The Grand Chapter then proceeded to elect a Grand Treasurer, when Companion Charles Howard was elected.

Companions Stapleton and Gilman were elected Trustees for the ensuing twelve months.

The Grand Officers made the following appointments:

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| Comps. REV. JAMES SHRIGLEY..... | <i>Grand Chaplain.</i> |
| C. G. PETERS..... | <i>Grand Lecturer.</i> |
| JOHN D. BABB..... | <i>Grand Marshal.</i> |
| WILLIAM BAYLEY..... | <i>Royal Arch Captain.</i> |
| E. S. COURTNEY..... | <i>Grand Prin. Sojourner.</i> |
| JOHN HAHN..... | <i>Grand Capt. 3d Vail.</i> |
| J. D. MILLER..... | <i>Grand Capt. 2d Vail.</i> |
| LITTLETON AYRES..... | <i>Grand Capt. 1st Vail.</i> |
| JOHN ROBINSON..... | <i>Grand Capt. Host.</i> |

Comps. H. DEVALLIN..... } *Grand Stewards.*
 D. ATKINSON..... }
 HENRY LUSBY..... *Grand Janitor.*

Grand Inspectors City of Baltimore: L. Ayres, S. Child.

Grand Inspector, District of Columbia: James King.

The following Chapters were represented and paid dues at this meeting: Concordia Chapter, No. 1. Phoenix Chapter, No. 7. Jerusalem Chapter, No. 9. Columbia Chapter, No. 15. Total \$15.37½.

No other business offering, the Grand Chapter was closed in ample form, with prayer by the Grand Chaplain.

JOS. ROBINSON, *Grand R. A. Secretary.*

[A Special Convocation was held Feb. 20th, 1843, by order of the Grand High Priest, to consider a matter of grievance brought by Concordia Chapter, No. 1, against Jerusalem Chapter, No. 9, as follows:

For violating the Constitution of the Grand Chapter of the State of Maryland, as well as that of the General Grand Chapter, "in having, on the 12th of January last, conferred the degree of Select Master on Brother Chas. H. Ohr, and on the 16th of January that of Royal Arch Mason on the same brother, he having received the degrees of Mark Master and Most Excellent Master in Concordia Chapter 21st May, 1840."

Complaint was also made by Concordia Chapter "against Comps. D. A. Piper, Elisha Harrington and John D. Babb, for having individually and collectively prepared the petition afterwards signed by Bro. Ohr."

The Grand Chapter went into a committee of the whole for the purpose of examining the charges.

The committee, after fully examining into the subject, reported the following, which was concurred in:

"*Resolved*, that Jerusalem Chapter, No. 9, having admitted that the charges are correctly made, and that the degrees aforesaid were so conferred—but that the act was done without a knowledge that they were violations of the Constitution of this Grand Chapter, or that of the General Grand Chapter—this Grand Chapter exonerates said Jerusalem Chapter from all censure as to intention in the matter aforesaid."

At an adjourned meeting held Feb. 27, 1843, the complaint and charges against Comps. Piper, Harrington and Miller were taken up, when the Grand Chapter, having heard and attentively considered the statements of both parties, adopted a resolution to the effect "that notwithstanding the Companions named were the agents whereby Comp. Charles H. Ohr was presented to Jerusalem Chapter, and that they aided in conferring the degrees of Select Master and Royal

Arch upon him, thereby infringing the Masonic Laws in such cases made and provided, the Grand Chapter is of opinion that said Companions had no intention to violate any law in that particular, and therefore fully acquit them of such intention; and that the charges in other respects are not sustained by the testimony.]

MASONIC HALL, BALTIMORE, 20th November, 2843.

This being the time prescribed by the Constitution for the annual meeting of the Grand Royal Arch Chapter of the State of Maryland, the Grand Officers, Members, and Representatives of Chapters, assembled in the Masonic Hall, in the City of Baltimore, at 7 o'clock, P. M.

The Chapters being called by the Grand Secretary, it appeared that Nos. 1, 7, 8, 9 and 15, were represented.

Companion JOSEPH K. STAPLETON, M. E. Grand High Priest, took the chair, and the following Grand Officers their respective places.

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| Comps. WALTER BALL..... | <i>E. D. Grand High Priest.</i> |
| CHARLES GILMAN..... | <i>E. Grand King, p. t.</i> |
| D. ATKINSON..... | <i>E. Grand Scribe, p. t.</i> |
| JOS. ROBINSON..... | <i>E. Grand Secretary.</i> |
| J. T. PETERS..... | <i>E. Grand Treasurer, p. t.</i> |
| JAMES KING..... | <i>Grand Captain of Host.</i> |
| E. S. COURTNEY..... | <i>Grand R. A. Captain.</i> |
| H. LUSBY..... | <i>Grand Janitor.</i> |

The Grand Chapter then proceeded to elect the Grand Officers for the ensuing twelve months, when the following were elected.

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| Comps. JOS. K. STAPLETON..... | <i>M. E. Grand High Priest.</i> |
| WALTER BALL..... | <i>E. D. Grand High Priest.</i> |
| C. G. PETERS..... | <i>E. Grand King.</i> |
| ROB. KEYWORTH..... | <i>E. Grand Scribe.</i> |
| JOS. ROBINSON..... | <i>E. Grand Secretary.</i> |
| CHAS. HOWARD..... | <i>E. Grand Treasurer.</i> |
| CHARLES GILMAN..... | } <i>Trustees.</i> |
| JOSEPH K. STAPLETON..... | |

Resolved, That the Grand Treasurer execute a bond, with a penalty of \$500, for the faithful discharge of his duties.

On motion the Grand Chapter was adjourned to meet to-morrow afternoon at 4 o'clock.

Tuesday, Nov. 21, 2843.

The Grand Chapter met at 4 o'clock, P. M. pursuant to adjournment.

Resolved, That the installed Grand Officers be a Committee to procure two dozen aprons for the use of this Grand Chapter, with authority to draw on the Grand Treasurer for payment for the same.

The following Chapters were represented and paid dues at this Convocation, viz:

Concordia Chapter, No. 1. Phoenix Chapter, No. 7. Potomac Chapter, No. 8. Jerusalem Chapter, No. 9. Columbia Chapter, No. 15. Total dues \$34.00.

The business of the session being concluded, the Grand Chapter was closed in love and harmony by the M E. Grand High Priest.

JOS. ROBINSON, *Grand R. A. Secretary.*

Subsequently to the meeting of the Grand Chapter, the Grand Officers made the following appointments :

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| Comps. REV. W. E. WYATT, D. D..... | <i>Grand Chaplain.</i> |
| C. G. PETERS..... | <i>Grand Lecturer.</i> |
| JOHN D. BABB..... | <i>Grand Marshal.</i> |
| WILLIAM BAYLEY..... | <i>Grand R. A. Captain.</i> |
| E. S. COURTNEY..... | <i>Grand Prin. Sojourner.</i> |
| SAMSON CARISS..... | <i>Grand Capt. 3d. Vail.</i> |
| J. D. MILLER..... | <i>Grand Capt. 2nd. Vail.</i> |
| LITTLETON AYRES..... | <i>Grand Capt. 1st. Vail.</i> |
| JOHN ROBINSON..... | <i>Grand Capt. Host.</i> |
| H. DEVALLIN..... | } <i>Grand Stewards.</i> |
| D. ATKINSON..... | |
| HENRY LUSBY..... | <i>Grand Janitor.</i> |

Grand Inspectors, City of Baltimore, L. Ayres, S. Child,.

Grand Inspector of District of Columbia, East of the Potomac, Daniel Kurtz, Jr.

MASONIC HALL, BALTIMORE, 18th Nov., 1844.

This being the time prescribed by the Constitution for the annual meeting of the Grand Royal Arch Chapter of the State of Maryland, the Grand Officers, Members, and Representatives of Chapters, assembled in the Masonic Hall, in the City of Baltimore, at 7 o'clock, P. M.

The Chapters being called by the Grand Secretary, it appeared that Nos. 1, 7, and 9 were represented.

Companion JOSEPH K. STAPLETON, M. E. G. H. Priest, took the chair, and the following Grand Officers their respective places:

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| Comps. WALTER BALL..... | <i>E. D. Grand High Priest.</i> |
| C. G. PETERS..... | <i>E. Grand King.</i> |
| C. R. HARDESTY..... | <i>E. Grand Scribe, p. t.</i> |
| JOS. ROBINSON..... | <i>E. Grand Secretary.</i> |
| CHARLES HOWARD..... | <i>E. Grand Treasurer.</i> |
| D. ATKINSON..... | <i>Grand R. A. Capt.</i> |
| CHARLES H. OHR..... | <i>Grand P. Sojourner.</i> |
| J. D. MILLER..... | <i>Grand Capt. 3rd. Vail.</i> |
| D. A. PIPER..... | <i>Grand Capt. 2nd Vail.</i> |
| J. L. PARR..... | <i>Grand Capt. 1st Vail.</i> |
| H. LUSBY..... | <i>Janitor.</i> |

The M. E. Grand High Priest appointed the following Standing Committees:

Committee of Accounts—Comp's C. R. Hardesty, Charles H. Ohr, and J. L. Parr.

Committee of Correspondence—Comp's Charles Gilman, James King, and C. G. Peters.

Committee of Grievance—Comp's Robert Keyworth, John D. Miller, and David Atkinson.

The Grand Chapter was then adjourned till to-morrow evening at 7 o'clock.

Tuesday, 19th Nov., 1845.

The Grand Chapter met at 7 o'clock, pursuant to adjournment.

On motion of Comp. Gilman:

Resolved, That the Grand Treasurer pay to Comp. C. G. Peters, E. Grand King the sum of fifty dollars, to defray his expenses as represen-

tative from this Grand Chapter to the General Grand Chapter of the United States.

The Grand Chapter now proceeded to elect Grand Officers for the ensuing twelve months, when the following were elected:

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| Comps. J. K. STAPLETON..... | <i>M. E. Grand High Priest.</i> |
| WALTER BALL..... | <i>E. Grand Deputy High Priest.</i> |
| C. G. PETERS..... | <i>E. Grand King.</i> |
| ROB'T KEYWORTH..... | <i>E. Grand Scribe.</i> |
| JOS. ROBINSON..... | <i>E. Grand Secretary.</i> |
| CHARLES HOWARD..... | <i>E. Grand Treasurer.</i> |

Comp's Charles Gilman and Joseph K. Stapleton were elected Trustees.

The business of the Session being concluded, the Grand Chapter was closed with the usual ceremonies, by the M. E. Grand High Priest.

JOS. ROBINSON, *Grand R. Arch Secretary.*

Subsequently to the meeting of the Grand Chapter, at the Communication in November, 1844, the Grand Officers made the following appointments, which were directed to be printed with the report of the proceedings, viz:

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| Comps. REV. MATRIAS HARRIS..... | <i>Grand Chaplain.</i> |
| C. G. PETERS..... | <i>Grand Lecturer.</i> |
| JOHN D. BABB..... | <i>Grand Marshal.</i> |
| WILLIAM BAYLEY..... | <i>Grand R. A. Captain.</i> |
| E. S. COURTNEY..... | <i>Grand Principal Sojourner.</i> |
| SAMSON CARISS..... | <i>Grand Captain of 3d Vail.</i> |
| J. D. MILLER..... | <i>Grand Captain of 2d Vail.</i> |
| LITTLETON AYRES..... | <i>Grand Captain of 1st Vail.</i> |
| JOHN ROBINSON..... | <i>Grand Captain of Host.</i> |
| H. DEVALIN..... | } <i>Grand Stewards.</i> |
| D. ATKINSON..... | |
| HENRY LUSBY..... | <i>Grand Janitor.</i> |

Grand Inspectors City of Baltimore, L. Ayers, S. Child.

Grand Inspector of District of Columbia, East of the Potomac, Daniel Kurtz, Jr.

MASONIC HALL, BALTIMORE, 17th Nov. A. D. 1845.

This being the time prescribed by the constitution for the annual convocation of the Grand Royal Arch Chapter of the State of Maryland, the Grand Officers and Members, and Representatives of Chapters, assembled in the Masonic Hall, in the City of Baltimore, at 7 o'clock, P. M.

Companion JOS. K. STAPLETON, M. E. G. H. Priest, took the Chair, and the following officers their respective places:

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| Comps. C. R. HARDESTY, as..... | <i>Grand King.</i> |
| J. D. MILLER, as..... | <i>Grand Scribe.</i> |
| C. H. OHR, as..... | <i>Grand Secretary.</i> |
| S. CARISS, as..... | <i>Grand Treasurer.</i> |
| H. LUSBY..... | <i>Janitor.</i> |

The Grand Chapter was opened in ample form by the M. E. Grand High Priest,—who stated, that in consequence of the annual meeting of the Grand Lodge of Maryland falling on the same evening as the Grand Chapter, he had directed the Grand Secretary to inform the several High

Priests of Chapters, that the meeting this evening would be held *pro forma*, and that the Grand Chapter would be adjourned to Monday evening next; whereupon the Grand Chapter was adjourned accordingly, till Monday evening, the 24th inst. at 7 o'clock.

Monday, 24th Nov., A. D. 1845.

The Grand Chapter met at 7 o'clock, P. M. pursuant to adjournment.

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| Comps. JOS. K. STAPLETON..... | <i>M. E. Grand High Priest.</i> |
| WALTER BALL..... | <i>E. D. Grand High Priest.</i> |
| JAMES KING | <i>E. Grand King, p. t.</i> |
| T. W. HALL..... | <i>E. Grand Scribe, p. t.</i> |
| JOS. ROBINSON..... | <i>E. Grand Secretary.</i> |
| CHARLES GILMAN..... | <i>E. Grand Treasurer, p. t.</i> |
| D. A. PIPER..... | <i>Grand R. A. Captain.</i> |
| JOHN D. MILLER..... | <i>Grand Captain 3rd Vail.</i> |
| D. ATKINSON..... | <i>Grand Captain 2nd Vail.</i> |
| C. R. HARDESTY..... | <i>Grand Captain 1st Vail.</i> |
| H. C. WILLIAMS..... | <i>Grand Captain of Host.</i> |
| HENRY LUSBY..... | <i>Grand Janitor.</i> |

And Representatives from Phoenix Chapter, No. 7, dues paid, \$9.00.
 Potomac Chapter, No. 8, \$15.00. Jerusalem Chapter, No. 9, \$12.75.
 Columbia Chapter, No. 15, \$5.25. Total, \$42.00.

The M. E. Grand High Priest delivered the following address:

COMPANIONS:—By the permission of Divine Providence, we are again assembled in Grand Chapter. For this privilege, it becomes our duty to render most hearty thanks to the great Author of all things, that, though unworthy, we are still permitted to enter within this sacred veil, and to enjoy the rights and benefits known only to those for whom they are prepared * * * *

Since our last communication, it has pleased Divine Providence to take from amongst us our worthy and respected Companion, Christian G. Peters, Grand King of this Grand Chapter, a distinguished and zealous Mason; and one who, for the last thirty years, has been found faithful in the discharge of his duties, as a citizen, a father, and, as we believe, a true follower of the Lord Jesus Christ. In his death, society and the fraternity have lost a useful and valuable member,—and I trust this Grand Chapter will deem it proper to render some appropriate tribute of respect to his memory.

By an inadvertence, as it is believed, the new constitution of the Grand Lodge, provides for the annual meeting of that body on the same day appointed for the annual meeting of this Grand Chapter. I therefore recommend, that you amend our constitution so as that the annual meeting of this body be held on the second Monday in November. By this means we shall the better accommodate the Grand Lodge, without inconvenience to ourselves.

A subject which has long been very dear to my heart, came up for consideration before the Grand Lodge of Maryland at its last session,—the establishment of a Grand Charity Fund for the relief of the indigent widows and orphans of Masons. And it gives me much pleasure to state, for your information, that a very handsome appropriation was made by that body for that purpose. The erection of a Masonic Asylum for the support and protection of such persons, will do honor to the Fraternity, and at the same time promote the sweet charities of relief and protection. I am informed, that a deputation from the Grand Lodge

will be in attendance, more particularly to lay before you the action of that body upon the subject, and to ask your co-operation in the charity. I recommend the matter to your serious consideration. * * *

The state of Freemasonry, at the present time, presents a most favorable aspect. From almost every State in the Union, we learn of the increase of the members of the Craft. New Lodges and Chapters are forming, old and dormant ones are reviving, and those that have long sat in darkness, are again emerging into the light of day. And I most humbly beseech the great Grand High Priest of the Universe, so to direct and guide us by His unerring counsel in all our deliberations, that whatever we do may redound to His glory, and to the promotion of good order and brotherly love through all time.

Comp. T. W. Hall stated to the Grand Chapter, that he, together with Companions Devallin and Piper, had been appointed a committee by the Grand Lodge of Maryland, to present to the consideration of this Grand Chapter, the plan of a Grand Charity Fund, for the relief of the widows and orphans of deceased Masons, which had been adopted by the Grand Lodge at its present communication, and to solicit the aid of this Grand Chapter in furtherance of said fund—Whereupon it was

Resolved, That the request of the Grand Lodge of Maryland, through its committee, for the assistance of this Grand Chapter, in aid of the Grand Charity Fund for the relief of the widows and orphans of deceased Masons, be referred to a special committee of three—and that the M. E. G. High Priest be chairman thereof. Committee, Companions King and Hardesty.

Companion Stapleton, from the committee, made the following report, which was read and adopted:

The committee appointed to take into consideration the propriety of making an appropriation of a portion of the funds of this Grand Royal Arch Chapter, in aid of the Grand Charity Fund established by the Grand Lodge of Maryland, beg leave to recommend, that \$750 be taken from the amount of stock now held by the Grand Chapter, and \$50 from the treasury, making \$800, and paid over to the trustees of the "Grand Masonic Fund for the relief of the indigent widows and orphans of Masons," appointed by the Grand Lodge of Maryland; and that a further donation of not less than \$50 annually be appropriated from this Grand Chapter, to said Charity Fund, to be held in trust by the trustees aforesaid, for this special purpose; conditioned, that should the fund so appropriated by the Grand Lodge of Maryland, be at any time hereafter diverted from the true and legitimate object of this appropriation, then this Grand Chapter shall have power to recall the same.

Comp. Gilman offered the following resolutions, which were read and adopted:

Resolved, By the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons for the State of Maryland, that the sum of seven hundred and fifty dollars in Masonic Hall stock, and the sum of fifty dollars from the treasury, be and the same are hereby appropriated for the benefit of the "Grand Charity Fund for the relief of the indigent Widows and Orphans of Masons," established by the Grand Lodge of Maryland; and that a further sum of fifty dollars per annum be hereafter appropriated from the treasury, for the same object. With the understanding, that should the said fund be diverted from the object for which it was established, then this Grand Chapter to be entitled to a return of this and all future appropriations, with interest thereon.

Resolved, That the Grand Secretary transmit to the Grand Lodge of Maryland, a copy of the foregoing resolution; and upon that body signi-

fying its assent to the conditions of this appropriation, then the Grand Treasurer be, and he is hereby authorized and required to carry out the provisions of the first resolution, by transferring the stock aforesaid to the trustees of said fund, and to pay over to them the money appropriated.

Comp. Ohr, from the Committee of Correspondence, made a report, which was read and accepted.

The Grand Chapter was then adjourned till to-morrow evening at half-past 6 o'clock.

Tuesday, 25th Nov., A. D. 1845.

The Grand Chapter met at half-past 6 o'clock, pursuant to adjournment.

Comp. Gilman, from the committee to whom was referred so much of the address of the M. E. Grand High Priest, as has reference to the death of the excellent Grand King, ask leave to report for adoption the following resolutions:

Resolved, That the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons for the State of Maryland, has heard with deep regret of the death of the E. Grand King, Companion Christian Gottlieb Peters; that in the demise of this worthy and excellent Companion, our ancient Institution has lost a zealous and faithful member, and this Grand Chapter, in particular, an efficient officer.

Resolved, That we tender to the family of our deceased companion, our unfeigned sympathies in this, their great bereavement, and our deepest feeling for their individual happiness and future welfare.

Resolved, that these resolutions be spread upon the records of the Grand Chapter, and that the Grand Secretary communicate a copy thereof to the family of the deceased.

The resolution offered at the last meeting by Comp. Hall, to alter the constitution so as to change the time of the annual meeting of the Grand Chapter, from the third to the second Monday in November, was considered and adopted.

The Grand Chapter then proceeded to elect the Grand Officers for the ensuing twelve months—when the following were elected:

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| Comps. J. A. STAPLETON..... | <i>M. E. Grand High Priest.</i> |
| WALTER BALL..... | <i>E. D. Grand High Priest.</i> |
| ROB'T KEYWORTH | <i>E. Grand King.</i> |
| T. W. HALL..... | <i>E. Grand Scribe.</i> |
| JOS. ROBINSON .. | <i>E. Grand Secretary.</i> |
| CHAS. HOWARD..... | <i>E. Grand Treasurer.</i> |

Companions CHARLES GILMAN and Jos. K. STAPLETON were elected trustees.

On motion, *Resolved*, That the committee appointed to superintend the printing of the Constitution, append to the constitution of the General Grand Chapter, such reserved rights as the Grand Chapter may possess.

The business of the scssion being concluded, the Grand Chapter was closed.

JOS. ROBINSON, *Grand Secretary.*

MASONIC HALL, BALTIMORE, *Nov. 9th, A. D. 1846.*

This being the time prescribed by the Constitution for the annual Convention of the Grand Royal Arch Chapter of the State of Maryland,

the Grand Officers and Members, and the Representatives of Chapters, assembled at the Chapter Room in the Masonic Hall, in the City of Baltimore, at 7 o'clock P. M.

The Chapters were called by the Grand Secretary, when a sufficient number answered to form a Grand Chapter.

Companion JOSEPH K. STAPLETON, M. E. Grand High Priest, took the Chair, and opened the Grand Chapter in ancient and ample form, assisted by the following Companions, who occupied their respective stations :

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| Comps. WALTER BALL..... | <i>E. D. Grand High Priest.</i> |
| D. A. PIPER, as..... | <i>E. Grand King.</i> |
| JAMES KING, as..... | <i>E. Grand Scribe.</i> |
| JOS. ROBINSON..... | <i>E. Grand Secretary.</i> |
| Rev. M. HARRIS..... | <i>Grand Chaplain.</i> |
| D. ATKINSON, as..... | <i>G. R. A. Captain.</i> |
| JOHN D. BABB, as..... | <i>G. P. Sojourner.</i> |
| J. B. GEORGE, as..... | <i>G. Capt. 3d Vail.</i> |
| JOHN McDUELL, as..... | <i>G. Capt. 2d Vail.</i> |
| LITTLETON AYRES, as..... | <i>G. Capt. 1st Vail.</i> |
| C. R. HARDESTY, as..... | <i>G. Capt. Host.</i> |
| HENRY LUSBY..... | <i>Grand Janitor.</i> |

And the representatives of the following Chapters: Concordia Chapter, No. 1. Phoenix Chapter, No. 7. Potomac Chapter, No. 8. Jerusalem Chapter, No. 9. Columbia Chapter, No. 15. Total dues \$79.25.

By Comp. Ohr: *Resolved*, That a select committee of three be appointed to report a preamble and resolutions expressive of the sentiments of this Grand Chapter in relation to the announcement of the death of P. M. E. Grand High Priest Daniel Kurtz.

The Grand Chapter was then adjourned till to-morrow evening, at 7 o'clock.

Tuesday Nov. 10th, 1846.

The Grand Chapter met pursuant to adjournment, at 7 o'clock, P. M.

Companion McDuell, from the committee, in relation to the death of Comp. Kurtz, made a report, and upon their recommendation the following was adopted:

Resolved, That crape be placed in some prominent place in this room, to be continued there until our next annual communication in November, 1847, and that this report be entered on the records of this Grand Chapter, and a copy be sent to the bereaved family.

Bro. Ohr, from the Committee of Correspondence offered the following, which was adopted:

Resolved, That this Grand Chapter cannot recognize the existence of a Grand Chapter in Texas, as at present organized.

The Grand Chapter proceeded to elect the Grand Officers for the ensuing twelve months, when

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| Comps. JOS. K. STAPLETON..... | <i>M. E. Grand High Priest.</i> |
| WALTER BALL..... | <i>E. D. Grand High Priest.</i> |
| ROBT. KEYWORTH..... | <i>E. Grand King.</i> |
| E. S. COURTNEY..... | <i>E. Grand Scribe.</i> |
| JOSEPH ROBINSON..... | <i>E. Grand Secretary.</i> |
| CHARLES HOWARD..... | <i>E. Grand Treasurer.</i> |

Companions Gilman and Stapleton were elected trustees.

The M. E. Grand High Priest, after thanking the Grand Chapter for the proof of their continued approbation of his conduct by unanimously re-electing him to the highest office, retired for the evening, when Companion Ohr offered the following resolution, which was unanimously adopted:

Resolved, That a committee of three be appointed to procure and present to M. E. J. K. Stapleton, Grand High Priest of this Grand Chapter, a signet ring, of appropriate device, as a token of the respect which this Grand Chapter entertains for his zeal, and the fidelity with which he has discharged the duties of Grand High Priest of this Grand Chapter.

The Chair appointed Comps. Ohr, Gilman and Hardesty said committee.

No further business offering, the Grand Chapter was closed, with the usual ceremonies, by the E. D. Grand High Priest, assisted by the Companions present.

Jos. ROBINSON, *Grand Secretary*.

MASONIC HALL, BALTIMORE, 8th November, 1847.

This being the time prescribed by the Constitution for the annual meeting of the Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Maryland, the Grand Officers and Members, and the Representatives of Chapters assembled in the Chapter Room in the Masonic Hall, in the City of Baltimore, at 7 o'clock, P. M.

PRESENT.

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| Comps. JOS. K. STAPLETON..... | <i>M. E. Grand High Priest.</i> |
| WALTER BALL..... | <i>E. D. Grand High Priest.</i> |
| E. S. COURTNEY. | <i>E. G. King, p. t.</i> |
| D. A. PIPER..... | <i>E. Grand Scribe, p. t.</i> |
| JOS. ROBINSON..... | <i>E. Grand Secretary.</i> |
| CHAS. HOWARD..... | <i>E. Grand Treasurer.</i> |
| D. ATKINSON..... | <i>Grand R. A. Captain, p. t.</i> |
| GEO. C. THOMAS..... | <i>Grand Principal Sojourner, p. t.</i> |
| JOHN D. BABB. | <i>Grand Capt. 3d Vail, p. t.</i> |
| JAMES KING..... | <i>Grand Capt. 2d Vail, p. i.</i> |
| A. WHITTLESEY..... | <i>Grand Capt. 1st Vail, p. t.</i> |
| C. R. HARDESTY..... | <i>Grand Capt. Host, p. t.</i> |
| HENRY LUSBY..... | <i>Grand Janitor.</i> |

The following Chapters were represented, and paid dues:

Concordia Chapter, No. 1, Phenix Chapter, No. 7, Potomac Chapter, No. 8, Jerusalem Chapter, No. 9, Columbia Chapter, No. 15, Washington Chapter, No. 17. Dues, etc., \$121.00.

The M. E. Grand High Priest delivered the following address:

MY COMPANIONS—

Through the goodness of Divine Providence we are permitted once more to assemble in Grand Chapter, to deliberate and commune together, for the purpose of aiding and advancing the interests of Royal Arch Masonry within our State and jurisdiction. I congratulate you all, on this our Annual Communication, and I trust that an allwise and gracious Ruler may so impress upon your minds the great responsibility with which you are clothed, that all your doings may be for the promotion of those duties that are incumbent upon all of us, and for the advancement of those virtues which tend to promote our present and future happiness.

Since our last Annual Meeting it became the duty of your Grand Council to appear in the General Grand Chapter of the United States of America, at the triennial meeting of that grand body in September last

at the City of Columbus, in the State of Ohio. I take pleasure in stating that each member of this Grand Council was personally present in attendance thereat. The meeting of the General Grand Chapter was well attended by our sister State Grand Chapters, and terminated in peace and harmony. Their deliberations were conducted with becoming spirit and zeal, for the promotion of the Royal Art, and I have great pleasure to state that the most flattering reports were made, showing the prosperity of the Fraternity, from every section of our beloved country.

This attendance on the General Grand Chapter was my first visit over the mountains, and afforded your representatives and myself much gratification in associating with the brethren and Companions in a region so fertile in all the productions for the comfort and luxuries of life, and to excite our admiration and gratitude to that Being whose bounty has so amply rewarded the inhabitants of this highly favored State, whose population for intelligence, industry and hospitality, rank among the highest in this Union.

I have recently visited our two Chapters in the District of Columbia, as also the Chapter working under dispensation, and I am well pleased to testify to their good work and increasing prosperity. I have nothing to censure, but much to approve of, in the general good order, and the correctness with which the business of the several Chapters I visited was conducted in that part of the District under our charge.

I take great pleasure in stating that there has no complaint or grievance been laid before me, and that an approved increase has manifested itself in all the Chapters under our authority, and I trust that your deliberations may result in promoting the great object of our beloved Institution.

I humbly remind you of that good work, commenced one year ago, by the Grand Lodge of Maryland and this Grand Chapter, that the annual contribution to the Grand Charity (now under charge of Trustees) may not be lost sight of, but that additional exertions may be made to advance and sustain the noble Charity contemplated, and that the grand design of erecting an Asylum for the destitute widows and orphans of Masons, may ere long present to the world the evidence that the ties of friendship and brotherly love and charity are something more than a name among Freemasons.

I most respectfully take leave to return my sincere thanks to the Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Maryland for this valuable and beautiful Signet, which the committee did me the honor to present me in their name during the session of the Grand Lodge, last May, and I beg leave to assure the Grand Chapter that this token of their regard and affection shall be most dearly prized as the highest compliment I could receive at their hands.

Comp. French stated that the Warrant of Columbia Chapter, No. 15, had been lost, and asked for a new warrant—when on motion it was

Ordered, That the Grand Secretary issue a new Warrant to Columbia Chapter, No. 15, in lieu of the original Warrant, which has been lost.

The Committee on Dispensations and New Chapters reported that they had examined the By-Laws and Book of Record of WASHINGTON CHAPTER, No. 16, heretofore working under a Dispensation; that they find nothing therein contrary to the rules and regulations of the Order, and recommend that a Charter be granted to them. Adopted.

The following proposed amendment to the Constitution was read :

Sec. 3. No Companion can be installed as Grand High Priest, Deputy Grand High Priest, Grand King, Grand Scribe, or Grand Secretary,

unless he be a High Priest or Past High Priest, and at the same time a contributing member of some subordinate Chapter under this jurisdiction.

The Grand Chapter was then adjourned till to-morrow morning, at 11 o'clock.

TUESDAY MORNING, Nov. 9, 1847.

The Grand Chapter met at 11 o'clock A. M., pursuant to adjournment.

The Committee to whom was referred the expenses of the Grand officers of the Grand Chapter of Maryland, who were representatives of the General Chapter which met at Columbus, Ohio, respectfully report the following resolution :

Resolved, That this Chapter appropriate and pay out of the funds thereof, one hundred and eighty dollars, to be divided equally between Comps. Walter Ball, D. Grand High Priest, Robt. Keyworth, Grand King, E. S. Courtney, Grand Scribe.

Comp. Gilman made the following report, which was accepted :

The special committee appointed at the last meeting to procure an appropriate signet ring, and to present it to Comp. Joseph K. Stapleton, our M. E. Grand High Priest, in token of the respect which this Grand Chapter entertains for the zeal and the fidelity with which he has discharged the duties of his office, report, that they have attended to the duty assigned them—and that the cost thereof is fifty-five dollars.

The Grand Chapter proceeded to elect the Grand Officers for the ensuing twelve months—when the following were elected :

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| Comps. JOSEPH K. STAPLETON..... | <i>M. E. Grand High Priest.</i> |
| WALTER BALL..... | <i>E. D. Grand High Priest.</i> |
| BENJ. B. FRENCH..... | <i>E. Grand King.</i> |
| E. S. COURTNEY..... | <i>E. Grand Scribe.</i> |
| JOS. ROBINSON..... | <i>E. Grand Secretary.</i> |
| CHARLES HOWARD..... | <i>E. Grand Treasurer.</i> |

Companions Charles Gilman and Joseph K. Stapleton were elected Trustees.

The Grand Chapter was then adjourned till 9 o'clock this evening.

TUESDAY EVENING, Nov. 9, 1847.

The Grand Chapter met at 9 o'clock, pursuant to adjournment.

Comp. Walter Ball, E. D. Grand High Priest, was called to the Chair and installed Comp. Jos. K. STAPLETON, M. E. Grand High Priest, who installed the other Grand Officers.

No further business offering, the Grand Chapter was closed, with the usual ceremonies, by the M. E. Grand High Priest, assisted by the Companions Present.

JOHN ROBINSON, *Grand Secretary.*

[A committee was appointed at the Annual Convocation, 1846, to procure an appropriate signet ring and present it to

Grand High Priest Stapleton, in token of the respect which the Grand Chapter entertained for the zeal and the fidelity with which he discharged the duties of the office. The presentation was made in the large room of the old hall, in the presence of a large concourse of Brethren, by Comp. Chas. H. Ohr. The address of Comp. Ohr, as well as the reply of Comp. Stapleton, are published with the 1847 proceedings.]

[WASHINGTON CHAPTER, No. 16.

Washington, District of Columbia.

WILLIAM C. COLLINS..... *High Priest.*

JAMES H. PIPER.....*King.*

.....*Scribe.*

EARLY MEMBERS.

Oliver Whittlesey, J. Knox Walker, William Easley, J. B. Thomas, L. P. Franklin, H. Langtry, J. E. Holland, J. M. McCalla, B. F. Pleasants, H. L. Silvester, H. C. Williams, Rev. C. A. Davis, Louis McGeehee, A. P. Upshur, D. H. Burr, C. W. Bennet, David G. Day, Fred. Wythe, Joseph Wernsatt, Robert Clarke, Y. P. Page, J. G. Stoke, J. W. Jones, N. A. Randall, John Robinson; Wm. Ogden Niles, John Purdy, Joel Downer, M. W. Fisher, John Robb, F. S. Evans, D. C. Tuttle, Rev. Vincent Palan, Joseph Bryan, L. H. Laughlan, W. R. W. Cobb, A. Woodhull, A. F. Cunningham, J. S. Cunningham, John Walters, Thomas Miller, C. A. Anderson, John Holroyd, Joseph Mundell, John W. McKim, Chas. H. Venable, William M. Ellis, William E. Howard, George M. Dove, John P. White, Joseph Nairn, Chas. Carrington, Wm. Wilkenson, John Bayne.

This Chapter was organized by virtue of a dispensation issued by Grand High Priest Stapleton, during the early part of the year 1847, and received a Charter at the Annual Convocation, Nov. 8th, of the same year.

It soon became a large and flourishing Chapter, and continued such until it, with Columbia and Mount Vernon Chapters, withdrew in 1867 and formed the present Grand Chapter of the District of Columbia.]

APPENDIX.



JEWISH HIGH-PRIEST IN FULL SACERDOTAL ROBES.

COUNCIL OF HIGH PRIESTS.

At a meeting of High Priests at the Masonic Hall, in the City of Baltimore, April 27, 1824, there were

Present, Comps. Stapleton, Keyser, Barker, Babb and McKubbin.

Comp. Stapleton was called to the Chair, and Richard McKubbin was appointed Secretary. Comp. Barker stated the object of the meeting; when a Committee was appointed "to carry the object of the meeting into effect," with authority to convene the High Priests when they were ready to report.

A second meeting was held May 7th, 1824, when Comp. Eckel was called to the chair, and Comp. McKubbin appointed Secretary. The Committee appointed at the prior meeting reported Rules and Regulations consisting of nine articles, for "the government of the Order and for the purpose of preserving its integrity and respectability."

The Association was to be known by the style and title of the "Council of High Priests of Maryland." The Grand High Priest was to be ex-officio President of the Council, and the Grand Secretary of the Grand Chapter, Secretary of the Council.

The object of the Association:—"To take cognizance of the Order of Priesthood, and to regulate the admission of members."

No Companion could be admitted without the unanimous vote (by ballot,) of the members present.—The Association to have power to suspend or expel any of its members against whom charges may be preferred and proven.

These Rules and Regulations have been amended from time to time, but are substantially the same now as when first adopted at the organization of the Council.

In 1860 the Constitution was amended so that the High Priest of oldest date should preside, instead of the Grand High Priest, and in 1877 the plan of annually electing the President and other principal officers, was substituted.

The third meeting was held at Masonic Hall, Baltimore, December 15th, 1824, when there were present the Grand High Priest, and Grand King of the Grand Chapter of

Maryland and District of Columbia, and the High Priests of the respective Chapters. Meetings of the Council were sometimes held at the City of Washington, but most generally they were held at Baltimore.

There is, perhaps, in no other jurisdiction in this country, a body of exactly the same character as this Council of High Priests, exercising, as it does, exclusive jurisdiction over the Degree or Order of Priesthood, and thus controlling the selection of the Presiding Officers of the subordinate Chapters. There are, doubtless, similar Associations in other States, but in none of them, as far as known to the writer, does such comprehensive power reside.

At a meeting held Aug. 13th, 1825, "a verbal application was received from Alexander M. Anderson, High Priest elect of Oriental Royal Arch Chapter, No. 14, Kentucky; by virtue of the authority in him vested and with the consent of Comp. Philip P. Eckel, General Grand Scribe of the General Grand Chapter of the United States, Companion Anderson was introduced and received the degree of Priesthood in solemn and ancient form."

In the year 1827 the Select Degree was conferred on Companion Richard McKubbin.

Under date July 15th, 1830, the following is recorded:

"Information having been received that Comp. Joel R. Poinsett, Deputy General Grand High Priest of the United States, had just arrived in the city, Comp. Keyser repaired to Barnum's Hotel, and in a short time returned with Comp. Poinsett, who was introduced severally to the Council and exchanged congratulations with the members."*

During its existence of sixty-four years, a number of cases have arisen in which the action of the Council has been considered a grievance, and the Chapters upon whose formally elected Presiding Officers it has refused to confer the Order, have rebelled, and applied to the Grand Chapter for redress.

As early as 1824 the Council declined to confer the Order on a Companion High Priest-elect of Jerusalem Chapter. The Chapter "issued a circular letter to the other Chapters of the jurisdiction, urging them to instruct their representatives to use their efforts to have the Grand Chapter change its Constitution so as to permit the installation of a Companion elected High Priest by the members of a Chapter.

In 1829 and 1849, the High Priests elect of the same Chapter were refused anointment, and at later periods those

*The Order of Priesthood was conferred upon Comps. Livingston and Poinsett, at the City of Washington, 18th Dec., 1830, after which, at the request of the General Grand Chapter, they were installed into the offices of General Grand High Priest, and Deputy General Grand High Priest respectively, in a Convention composed of the Grand Chapters of Maryland and the District of Columbia.

of other Chapters. But when similar protests were made by the aggrieved Chapters, the Grand Chapter always recognized the necessity of the High Priest's Degree, and claimed it had no power over the Council.

In 1849, Jerusalem Chapter presented a statement of grievance to the Grand Chapter, complaining that she had elected a member to preside over her labors, and had demanded of the Grand High Priest to cause him to be installed, but had "received from the Grand High Priest an answer, that he cannot cause him to be installed."

In referring to the subject in his annual address, the Grand High Priest (Comp. Stapleton,) after premising that in order to remedy this grievance, it may be necessary to recognize the association of High Priests, by incorporating the Council as a part of the Grand Chapter, said: "Custom, by long usage, has become law; for ever since the organization of this Grand Chapter, the Council of High Priests in this State, have exercised jurisdiction over this degree."

Comp. French, from the Committee to whom the subject was referred, made a lengthy report at the 1850 Annual Convocation, in which the committee quote from Cross' Masonic Chart, and from the Constitution of the General Grand Chapter, from which they conclude that "no High Priest can be properly qualified to govern his Chapter, until he has received the Order of High Priesthood." And after expressing their regrets "that Jerusalem Chapter has placed herself in the position she has, for we view it wrong and untenable," submitted the following resolution, which was adopted:

Resolved, That while this Grand Chapter fully recognizes the necessity of the conferring upon a High Priest elect the Order of High Priesthood, by a Council of High Priests, before he can be regularly installed, they do not assume to have any power whatever as a Grand Chapter to direct or control the action of any Council of High Priests.

Comp. James B. George, a member of the committee dissented from the majority, and presented a minority report.

In compliance with a resolution of the Grand Chapter, Comp. Gilman in 1853, called the attention of the General Grand Chapter to the subject,—“The legitimate duties and powers of a Council of High Priests,” when a resolution was adopted by that body, as follows: “that it is recommended that every newly elected High Priest should, as soon as convenient receive the Order of High Priesthood; his anointment as such is not necessary to his installation, or the full

and entire discharge of all his powers and duties as the presiding Officer of his Chapter."

Grand High Priest French, in referring to this action in his address, November, 1853, said:

Knowing the high veneration which this Grand Chapter ever entertained for the Order of High Priesthood, and how very carefully the office of High Priest had been guarded by it, from being held by any one not duly constituted and anointed a High Priest, by a Council of High Priests, I considered it my solemn duty to oppose the adoption of that resolution, which I did.

A number of cases have occurred, since those referred to where candidates have been denied the order and much feeling has been exhibited in consequence by the members of the Chapters whose candidates have been rejected. In some cases the same candidates were immediately re-elected by their Chapters, only to be promptly rejected again by the Council; in others the alleged ineligibility has been removed and a later application has met with more favor; but uniformly the action of the Council has been sustained and eventually acquiesced in, except in one instance.

This was in the case of a Companion elected High Priest of Phoenix Chapter in 1858, who, upon application to the Council was declared to be ineligible. He was re-elected, and upon application of the Chapter, Grand High Priest Gozler called a Council of High Priests at Washington, on the 13th of March, 1859, and anointed and installed him as High Priest of Phoenix Chapter.

The Council of High Priests held a meeting on the 20th of April following, when it was resolved, "that the Council held 13th of March, was called without sufficient authority and the proceedings thereof are hereby ordered to be expunged by the Secretary."

Although several times requested to heal the Companion thus consecrated, the Council never did so. He was one of the most active and energetic High Priests of his day, but was never recognized by the Council as an anointed High Priest.

At the 1859 Convocation of the Grand Chapter, Grand High Priest Gozler advised the repeal of the resolution making it obligatory that a High Priest elect should come before a Council of High Priests for ordination. The Committee to whom this recommendation was referred submitted the following resolution, which was adopted: "That the rejection of the application of any High Priest of a Chapter for the order of High Priesthood by a Council of High Priests shall not render him ineligible to perform all the duties of High Priest of the Chapter to which he belongs."

But at the 1862 annual Convocation this resolution was repealed, and the resolution of 1850 has been in force ever since.

There is reason to believe that a Council of High Priests existed in this jurisdiction prior to 1824, and that it was simply reorganized at that time.

Appended to the Rules and Regulations adopted May 7th, 1824, are the names of the following High Priests:

Philip P. Eckel, G. G. S. U. S., Nathaniel Knight, George Keyser, Jos. K. Stapleton, Benjamin Edes, C. G. Peters, E. Barker, Jacob Small, H. Niles, John D. Readell, Asa Crocker, John D. Babb, R. Mackubbin, J. E. Jackson, George Myers, Jas. F. Houston, Thomas Phenix.

As a matter of interest the names of the Companions since anointed are also given, viz:

1824.—Thomas W. Hall, Walter Ball, Oliver Holmes.

1825.—Alex. M. Anderson, Henry S. Keatinge, M. S. Baer, Wm. D. Bell, Archibald Dobbin, Jas. King.

1826.—Casper Quinn, Peter Galt, J. Smart, Elijah Stansbury, Jr., John Huzza, Thomas Salsbury.

1827.—George Earnest, Jr., T. C. Cochran, Jacob Baer, Samuel Keerl, G. W. Haller, George Earnest.

1828.—Philip Reigart, John D. Miller, Charles Howard, of John Eager, Otho H. Williams, Frisby Tilghman, John Ogston.

1829.—John H. B. Latrobe, Ephraim Larrabee, John B. Fitzgerald.

1830.—Ninian Beall, John Goshorn.

1831.—Jos. Robinson, Samuel Child, Jesse T. Peters, Ezra Williams, Horatio N. Steele, Jas. Stratt.

1832.—David Atkinson, Wm. Bayley, Isaac Bartlett, John Hahn, Frederick J. Dugan, Thomas B. Griffith.

1833.—Joseph Helm, S. W. Woolford.

1834.—Robert Sims, Frederick Clarke.

1836.—Charles Gilman, Wm. Gwyn, Jr.

1838.—Thomas Hayward.

1840.—Robert Keyworth.

1841.—Hugh Devalin.

1842.—E. S. Courtney.

1844.—C. R. Hardesty.

1845.—Samson Cariss, John S. Marll.

1846.—D. A. Piper, Asa Child, C. H. Ohr.

1847.—B. B. French, Jas. B. George.

1848.—Oliver Whittlesey, R. C. Morse.

1849.—H. W. Heath.

1851.—Edward T. Owens, Charles Goodwin, Noah Rider.

1853.—Geo. M. Lamb, Jas. Logue, Wm. M. Smith, C. H. Venable, Albert Pike, B. Thrall.

1854.—W. S. Lucas, Robt. Clark, Wm. M. Smith.

1855.—Wm. H. Faulkner, Levin J. Drummond.

1856.—James Goszler, J. N. McJilton, John L. Yeates, Wm. Augustus White, James G. Smith.

1859.—James Bruster.

1860.—J. H. Medairy, Charles Webb.

- 1861.**—R. A. Holmes.
1862.—J. T. Acker, Wm. G. Parkhurst.
1863.—J. E. Holmead, Frederick Woodworth.
1864.—Edward T. Schultz, Wm. A. Wentz, A. G. Hatch, Chauncey Smith, Andrew Glass, E. B. Berrett.
1865.—E. P. Barrington, L. G. Stephens, E. L. Stephens.
1866.—Geo. L. McCahan, Geo. A. Hanson, Wm. Middleton, C. W. Hancock.
1867.—Philip S. Field, Walter W. Thompson, P. T. Kennard, Marcus L. Dudley, John O. Barton.
1868.—Wm. Waller, Hermon L. Emmons, Jr., Henry J. Irwin.
1869.—John B. Overton.
1870.—James W. Bowers, Chas. F. Achey, B. H. Schley, William H. Bauer, Ed. J. Oppelt, A. Fearhake, Jr., Wm. H. Smith, Jas. H. Brown.
1871.—F. M. Slemons, A. B. Turner, D. Claude Handy, Frank J. Kugler, F. Oliver Barrett, C. W. Dorsey, P. P. Clements.
1872.—Philip D. Boyd, John S. Tyson, F. J. S. Gorgas, Robert K. Martin, David Hutzler, C. F. Adolphus Fox, Edw. Stake, E. L. Parker, Jr., Stephen C. Bush.
1873.—Samuel H. Haller, Wm. J. Walker.
1874.—Harry H. Flack, Wm. T. Adreon, T. W. Warfield, J. Henry Weber, Chas. E. Kemp, Julius B. Miller, J. B. Purcell, John A. Lynch.
1875.—E. D. Hopkins, Jos. E. Tyler, Chas. E. Fox.
1876.—D. C. Avery, Henry O. Reese, Wm. F. Cochran, W. F. C. Gerhardt, H. W. Worthington, Chas. T. Sisco, C. V. S. Levy.
1877.—Chas. F. Riehl, John M. Carter, Jacob E. Krebs, George W. Sheive, N. W. Howson, John H. Gephart.
1878.—Thos. J. Shryock, C. C. Isaacs, John E. McCahan, George W. Russell, D. P. Welfley, M. A. Donavin, Nathan Lehman.
1879.—Jos. F. Hindes, Wm. N. Peterson, H. C. Larrabee, Thos. H. Kelly.
1880.—L. E. Williams, W. C. Oppelt, Philip Stern, T. S. Waters.
1881.—W. H. Clark, J. Likes, Alvin Coriell, John B. Oldershaw.
1882.—John D. Lickle, Wm. E. Arnold, Wm. Nash Young, N. H. Busey, Walter S. Ball, Charles E. Hayward.
1883.—John H. Miller, Theo. B. Fox, Lonis Grauer, Wm. C. Nickum, John W. Staum, Robert C. Griffith.
1884.—Thomas H. McGechin, Caleb R. Leonard, S. L. Stockbridge.
1885.—James M. Sloan, Vernon S. Emmart, Frank M. Gibson, Charles G. Snow, Henry Shaefer, J. B. Reagan, Wm. B. Bradley.
1886.—Edward R. Trippe, John E. Bishop, Jos. H. Jackson, Graham Dukehart, James P. Clark, Benjamin Wallis, Henry Mayer.
1887.—John A. Becker, Adelbert McLean, Charles W. Hebbel, F. B. Sappington, C. B. Wack, George H. Mason, L. J. M. Boyd, W. A. Cunningham.

Of these the following were applicants from other jurisdictions, upon whom the Order was conferred by courtesy: Alexander M. Anderson, of Kentucky, Rev. Frederick Clark, of Maine, Asa Child, of Connecticut, Wm. B. Thrall, of Ohio, Albert Pike, of Arkansas, and John Goshorn and V. P. Chapin, of Virginia.

It will be noticed that the three oldest surviving High Priests in the above list are our venerable Companions Latrobe, Ohr and Pike.

